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POINTS ON SCORING.

President N. E. Young of the National League, gives the appended points on scoring under the new rules, which official scorers will do well to make a note of. Mr. Young says:

I have received a large number of queries relative to the department of scoring, particularly as affected by the recently adopted amendments to the League code. Without reflecting at all upon the official scorers of the National League, I would say that I do not think the high value of accuracy, care and impartiality in recording the points of contest is fully appreciated. A ball player has no appeal from the decision of a scorer as to a base hit, an error or an assist, yet these points, insignificant in themselves, go to make up the record upon which the player to a great degree depends for reputation and employment. The temptation to assist the players of the local team by granting hits and exempting fielders from errors is frequently alluring, and nothing would be more natural than an occasional yielding thereto, though I believe the official corps to be animated by a genuine spirit of fairness.

It may not be out of place to say a word right here with regard to the work of the newspaper scorers, whose daily reports of games go far to mould the public estimation of a player's value. It is from these reports that the first monthly averages are compiled, and the prestige of rank is enjoyed by the players who may have been favored by the scorer. While I do not think this partiality has acquired the proportions of a great evil, it is nevertheless a decidedly objectionable feature, entirely distinct from the legitimate "boozing" which is the exponent of local pride, and which exercises a healthy influence on the sport. With the development of the game, however, and with the increased attention paid to it by the most influential of our journals, I look for much improvement in this respect. While the amendments to the meager scoring rules of our club are immaterial, yet the changes in the playing regulations are so radical as to affect vitally the recording of the points.

I have been asked: Suppose A reaches first on called balls; the pitcher sends the next three men to base in like manner, forcing A to home plate; is the run earned? I would say, most emphatically, yes. The new rules give a batsman the premium of a base hit for patiently waiting for a good ball, and though the pitcher is fined to the same extent, any run so gained is earned.

This query has also been propounded: A reaches first on a safe hit; B forces him out at second—no chance for a double play; B finally scores a hit; is B's run earned? To this I would answer, no. A man must earn his first. Had A not occupied the base B would probably have been retired. It would be manifestly unfair to credit B with an earned run after he had forced a man out by his weak batting and scored on the hits of other players. The

same rule would, of course, hold were B to reach first on being struck by the pitcher, or upon an illegally delivered ball.

I have seen it stated that the pitcher is not to receive an assist for a strike-out under the amended rules. This is an error, the rule expressly providing that the pitcher shall be given an assist as well as a credit for the strike-out in the summary.

There is a little point which sometimes escapes a scorer to which more attention should be paid. When a game ends on an odd half inning the score of course reverts to the last even innings. In the hurry of closing up the record of the game hits, assists and errors scored in the last half played are often allowed to stand. These may make an important difference in individual averages and should be carefully cancelled.

I have been asked where the line of demarkation lies between a base hit for a batsman and an error for a fielder. I am free to say that the distinction is frequently so fine as to be simply a matter of personal opinion, though a few general considerations should govern the majority of cases. In the first place I would adopt the player's standpoint in scoring hits. It is of course impossible for the scorer to accurately estimate the ability of each particular fielder, nor can he tell whether the players are in good form. While these important points cannot weigh with the reporter, he can judge as to the honesty and sincerity of the effort made, and the result obtained should be considered in that light. "Record players" are soon recognized and should be unsparingly dealt with. The fielder of the future is the man who tries for everything, and allows his "average" to look out for itself.

Hot drives to the infield should be held or handled if they go directly to a player. A first baseman is sometimes to be excused for failing to hold a liner from a left-handed batsman, for those hitters certainly screw a ball-around to first with terrific force, but balls batted directly to a fielder should not go through him. There is a certain bound in the outfield, between the short-bound—which is easily picked up by the skilful player—and the long bound, which can be judged with little difficulty. It strikes a few feet in front of a fielder and is liable to carom at any angle, usually leaving the ground sharply and going over the fielder's shoulder. If the player stops it he is assisted by chance to a great degree and should not be given an error if he fails to do so.

To score an error against a fielder who makes a long, hard run for a fly, the ball should strike his hand fairly and constitute a palpable muff. These catches are brilliant points in fielding, and attempts at them should be encouraged in every legitimate way.

In conclusion, I would say that the scorer who views each play with cool, impartial judgment, recording for one side as he would for the other, will encounter remarkably few perplexities.

N. E. YOUNG,
President National League.

President Young Issues a Series of Interesting Instructions.

President Young, of the National League, last night sent out the following instructions to umpires:

To the Umpires of the National League:

1. I have noted the following instructions and amplifications of the rules with a view to securing the greatest possible uniformity in administering the revised code.

Rule 5, section 2, contains the first radical change from the old code, and to my mind, is too plain to require any special explanation or interpretation. The pitcher must face the batsman, both shoulders square with the plate, with rear foot on the rear line of the box. It should not make any difference if heel projects a little outside of box.

The prohibition in the section against raising the right foot is not intended to bar the pitcher from doing so when throwing to a base, and refers to the delivery, and the preparatory motions for delivery of the ball to the bat.

Rule 7 in the closing sentence refers to a "misinterpretation of the rules." The intent of this restriction upon players who are tempted to enter into argument with the umpire is to bar all questions of fact. If the umpire makes a base decision it must stand without comment unless the captain shall deem that the umpire in formulating his judgment of the play puts a wrong construction upon the written law of the game. Even in this event it should be remembered that the umpire is the sole judge, though in such a case he is at liberty to give the objecting captain a hearing. The umpire, however, is the supreme authority on the interpretation of a rule during the progress of the game.

Rule 13, section 2, if both balls are hit over the fence in quick succession, let a new ball be furnished, even though one of the original two should come back during the interval of producing the new ball. The object of this rule is to expedite the game, and no technicalities should be allowed to stand in the way of the enforcement of the true spirit of the regulation.

Rule 13, section 4, refers to the ball becoming misshapen. In enforcing this provision the question of degree should not be taken into consideration. If the umpire is satisfied that the ball is not practically a perfect sphere, should call for a new one. A ball not perfectly round will not take a true flight, nor will it bound at a natural angle. The slightest deviation in shape should be taken as sufficient cause for the enforcement of this rule.

Rule 19, regarding the clearing and policing of the grounds, should be reasonably construed, more especially on holidays. Umpires should remember that where large crowds are assembled there are apt to be a number of hot heads ready to seize any excuse for a disturbance. Great care should be taken to avoid anything of this sort. The effect of riotous proceedings on a ball ground is very prejudicial to the best interests of the game. When, however, it becomes necessary to enforce this regulation, it should be done promptly and firmly.

Rule 25, section 1, with regard to the balk, should be strictly enforced, and held to prohibit any and every attempt to catch the runner by the aid of deceptive motions.

Rule 31, section 3. This rule does not include an attempt to hit the ball fair, even though it goes foul. Umpires can very easily and readily distinguish between the two cases. In any question of reasonable doubt decide as per rule. A bunted foul ball, or any obvious attempt to foul the ball is a strike. If such strike be the fourth, the batter shall be declared out, and in no case shall a base be run on such strike. (This is an accordance with the true intent and spirit of the rule.)

Rule 47, section 1, in striking out of turn, the player that should have gone to the bat is the one that is out.

Rule 47, section 6, as to holding the fourth strike, under this rule, the batter is out whether the ball is caught or not on the fourth strike if there is a man on first base and two men not out. In all cases where first base is not occupied the ball must be caught. In case of a passed ball of fourth strike, this rule does not prevent the men occupying bases from taking as many bases as they can. But if the fourth strike shall be called by the umpire upon an obvious attempt to make a foul hit, or a foul hit is made, no bases shall be run. The spirit of this rule should be remembered. It was drafted for the purpose of preventing a force-out or double-play on a fourth strike intentionally muffed. As to whether the ball was so intentionally dropped has always been a vexing question to decide. This regulation abolishes the distinction.

Rule 43, section 4, gives the batsman a base upon being hit by a ball. The fact that he strikes at the ball should not be taken into consideration, and this regulation should be carefully distinguished from the clause defining a dead ball. Umpires should be very careful about declaring that a man intentionally permits himself to be hit.

Rule 50, section 6, with regard to the fielder catching the ball in any part of his dress, in such case the batter is not out if the ball should fasten itself in the catcher's mask. This is plainly an accident, and should not be considered a catch, though there is no fraud attempted by the player, as in the case of a fly being caught in the cap.

Rule 53, section 1, which refers to running outside the three-feet-lines in making first base should be liberally construed. It was intended to prevent any obstruction of fielder or baseman by the runner. Should the batted ball be a long fly, for instance, the rule should not be construed as putting the runner out for making a wide detour from the base path to get a good start.

Rule 53, section 9. A runner who having overrun first base then makes any attempt to go to second forfeits his exemption from being put out, even though he does then turn to the right. The direction in which he may turn does not exempt him from the liability which he assumes in attempting to go to second. The spirit, as well as the letter of the law, should be borne in mind in this instance.

Rule 53, section 12, if the ball has plainly passed or been batted through a fielder, and the base runner has run fairly behind the fielder, he should not be declared out if hit by the ball. It is no longer a fair batted ball. The intent of this rule was simply to prevent the runner from obstructing the fielding of a batted ball. The umpire should be particularly careful in enforcing this rule to use judgment.

In the past seasons it has been the habit of certain pitchers, upon the ball being batted to an infielder, to cut across the first base path just in time to intercept and slow the base runner, under the pretence of backing up first. Umpires should keep an eye open for this subterfuge and promptly check the practice. In judging balls and strikes a little peculiarity of certain catchers should be observed. A ball is caught and held where caught, and the umpire's attention is called to its position. Judgment is then asked on the alleged strike. Umpires should remember that though the ball be held waist high and directly behind the plate it may have passed in its curving flight beyond the outer limit of the plate. A watchful eye, and above all things, a cool head will usually carry an umpire safely through the difficulties that beset his path.

N. E. YOUNG,
President National League.
WASHINGTON, April 16.

REMARKS.

If batter has four balls on him and the next ball pitched is wide and hits him, it should be called a ball, and the batter be given his base and credited with a base hit and charged with a time at bat. The umpire should be careful when second base is occupied to note whether third is cut by the runner on coming in. In the case of a close play at first, the umpire's attention is apt to be drawn entirely in that direction. The temptation is then very strong upon the runner to give third a wide berth, and rarely more than a few spectators notice the fact. An umpire cannot, of course, see everything, but he should note points like the one cited, which have become too common usage.

NICK YOUNG ON SCORING.

A CIRCULAR TO OFFICIAL SCORERS OF THE LEAGUE.

Players Should be Credited With Stolen Bases When Errors are Made, But the Run, if Scored, Should Not be Given as Earned.

WASHINGTON, April 23.—President Young this morning issued the following circular to all the scorers of the different League clubs:

To the Official Scorers of the National League:

In reviewing the new code with a view to ascertaining if there are any points to which the attention of the official scorers should be drawn, I have come upon the provision crediting a stolen base to a runner when the same is secured through the assistance of a mis play, other than a battery error—an overthrow or fumble, for example.

The philosophy of this credit is perfectly logical. The runner earns the base by making a daring attempt to secure it, and if successful, even though assisted by an error, deserves the point. These credits will, of course, be included in your official returns of stolen bases.

We now come, however, to the point which I desire to emphasize. This query has been propounded to me: "Suppose a player reaches first base on a hit, steals to second on a fumble of the baseman and is batted home, is the run earned?" I answer no. The reason is obvious, but the point should be carefully borne in mind in filling out the earned run blank in your score sheets. Earned runs, it should be remembered, are not credited to individuals, nor do they have any particular bearing upon the status of a club in making up the averages which constitute the monthly and annual records.

They are important factors, however, in gauging the effectiveness of a pitcher, and it is in this light alone that they should be regarded. It is, then, manifestly unfair to charge a pitcher with a run earned off his delivery, when bases secured by fielding errors are essential factors to it. Obviously the pitcher can in no way be responsible for a miff by the baseman or an overthrow by the catcher.

In computing earned runs, therefore, you will scan your scores carefully and omit tallies, in which the stolen base, assisted by an error, is a necessary element. Veay truly yours,

N. E. YOUNG,
President National League.

1887.

President Young, having been informed that the provisions of the new rules with regard to the position of the pitcher in the box have not been strictly enforced by all umpires, has issued the following additional instructions to the corps:

To the Umpires of the National League:

My attention has been called to the fact that the provisions of the revised code governing the pitcher's delivery have not been strictly enforced in a number of instances in championship games.

The point which is said to have been overlooked is embraced in the first clause of section 2, rule 5, which reads as follows: "The pitcher shall take his position facing the batsman, with both feet squarely on the ground, the right foot on the rear line of the box, his left foot in advance of the right and to the left of an imaginary line from his right foot to the center of the home base."

I am informed that pitchers have violated the final clause of this paragraph. The point is a vital one as affecting the position of the pitcher, which should be made to conform strictly to that laid down in the rule. It may be well to consider the imaginary line referred to as being drawn from the ball of the rear foot to the center of the home plate. When in position the forward foot should not cross this line nor rest upon it.

Attention to this provision will obviate all difficulty in securing a stand square with the plate.

Yours truly,

N. E. Young,

President National League.

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CONSTITUTION
—OF THE—
NATIONAL LEAGUE
—OF—
PROFESSIONAL BASE BALL CLUBS,
1887.

NAME.

SECTION 1. This Association shall be called "THE NATIONAL LEAGUE OF PROFESSIONAL BASE BALL CLUBS."

OBJECTS.

SEC. 2. The objects of this League are:

1. To encourage, foster, and elevate the game of base ball; to enact and enforce proper rules for the exhibition and conduct of the game, and to make base ball playing respectable and honorable.
2. To protect and promote the mutual interests of professional base ball clubs and professional base ball players, and,
3. To establish and regulate the base ball championship of the United States.

MEMBERSHIP.

SEC. 3. This League shall consist of such professional base ball clubs as may from time to time be elected to membership, but in no event shall there be more than one club from any city.

SEC. 4. No club shall be admitted from any city whose population is less than seventy-five thousand (75,000), except by unanimous vote of the League.

SEC. 5. No club shall be admitted unless it shall first have delivered to the Secretary of the League, at least five days before the annual meeting, a written application for membership, signed by its President and Secretary, accompanied by documents showing that such club bears the name of the city in which it is located,

and that it is regularly organized and officered, and where the State law permits it, chartered. Such application shall at once be transmitted by the Secretary to the President of the League, who shall forthwith refer it to a committee of three members of the Board of Directors, appointed by him, who shall immediately investigate and report upon said application; said report to be communicated to the League through the Secretary.

SEC. 6. The voting upon an application for membership shall be by white and black balls. Two black balls shall be sufficient to exclude the applicant, and no club shall be required under any circumstances to state how it voted upon such application. Such election shall take place at the annual meeting of the League. *Provided*, That should any eligible club desire to join the League after the adjournment of the annual meeting, it may make application in writing to the Secretary of the League, who shall at once communicate such application, together with any facts in his possession concerning such applicant, to the President of the League, who shall refer it to a special committee of the Board, as provided in Section 6; and upon receipt by the Secretary of the report of said committee, he shall transmit such application and report to all League clubs, each of whom shall, within ten days, transmit one written ballot for or against the admission of such applicant, to the Secretary, and if two adverse ballots be not cast, then the Secretary shall, upon receipt of the annual dues, notify such club of its election.

SEC. 7. In case any League club shall forfeit its membership during the championship season, the Board of Directors may elect a non-League club to temporary membership in the League, which election shall entitle such temporary club member, without the payment of League club dues, to play all the championship schedule games remaining unplayed by the retired League club, upon the same terms and conditions as League clubs, except that such games shall not count in the championship series, and such temporary membership shall terminate at the next annual meeting of the League.

DUES, ASSESSMENTS, FINES, ETC.

SEC. 8. Every League club shall pay to the Secretary of the League on or before the first day of May of each year, the sum of one hundred dollars as annual dues; and on or before the twenty-fifth day of each month of the championship season, such other sum as may be lawfully assessed for the payment of salaries of officers and umpires, and for such other expenses as may be incurred by order of the League, or of the Board of Directors.

(2.) Upon conviction of any of the offences prescribed in Section 10, as causes for expulsion—the Board of Directors may, in the first instance, as a preliminary to, or in lieu of expulsion, im-

pose such a fine as is in their judgment, commensurate with the injury; which fine may include a penalty payable to any other League club or clubs, as an equivalent for damages, sustained for such violation of this Constitution, or the legislation or contracts made in pursuance thereof.

GUARANTEE FUND.

SEC. 9 (1). Each club elected to membership shall within thirty days after official notice of such election—by its President or other chief executive officer—sign and affix its common seal to this constitution as a covenant to fulfil all the obligations and requirements thereof, and of all legislation and contracts made in pursuance thereof.

It shall at the same time execute and deliver unto the President of the League, as Trustee for the other League Clubs, a bond with approved sureties in the penal sum of five thousand dollars (\$5,000), conditioned for the faithful performance of said Constitutional Covenants, and for the payment into the GUARANTEE FUND of the sum of five thousand dollars (\$5,000), in annual installments of not less than one thousand dollars (\$1,000), payable during the month of May; any default to cause the forfeiture of said penal sum, and of all installments previously paid into said fund.

(2.) The GUARANTEE FUND shall be invested by the Board of Directors in United States Government Bonds, or in such other interest bearing-securities as the League in meeting shall direct. Said securities shall always be subject to the inspection of the League, or of its Auditing Committee appointed for the purpose.

(3.) The interest and income accruing from such securities shall, as soon as collected, be transferred into the treasury in aid of the current and contingent expenses of the League.

(4.) The principal of said fund shall, except as hereinafter stated, be kept intact as a guarantee against any violation of the provisions of this Constitution, or of the legislation and contracts made in pursuance thereof.

(5.) The failure of a club to pay into said fund, when due, any annual installment of its contribution thereto, shall forfeit the full penal sum of its bond, and suit may at once be entered for the recovery of the same, or in lieu thereof, and in default of a collection of the same, the Board of Directors, unless otherwise instructed by the League, may expel said club from membership in the manner prescribed in Section 11, when the installment or installments already paid shall be forfeited, converted into cash and transferred into the treasury in aid of the current and contingent expenses of the League.

(6.) Upon the acceptance of the resignation of a club from

membership or upon the involuntary termination of such membership for "business reasons," as provided for in Section 10, said club shall be entitled to a return of its bond and of its entire contribution to the Guarantee Fund (less all dues, assessments, and fines chargeable thereon), either in cash or, at the option of the Board of Directors, in the securities in which the said cash may then be invested.

(7.) Upon thirty days' default by a club—after due notice by the Secretary—in its payment of dues, assessments, or fines imposed in pursuance of this Constitution, the Board of Directors shall declare forfeited an equivalent amount of said club's contribution to the GUARANTEE FUND, which equivalent amount, together with such additional fine for said default—as may be imposed by said Board—shall be repaid within three months thereafter, under penalty of forfeiture of the bond of said club and of its entire contribution to said fund, and of its expulsion from membership. *Provided*, That nothing herein contained shall be construed to prohibit a collection by suit on said bond, either before or after expulsion, of any unpaid installments of said club's contribution to said fund requisite to satisfy and liquidate all arrears of said dues, assessments and fines.

(8.) Upon a club's expulsion from membership for persistence in an unaccepted resignation, its entire contribution to the Guarantee Fund shall be forfeited, and suit may be instituted on its bond for all unpaid instalments thereof.

SEC. 10. The membership of any League Club may be terminated,

(1.) By resignation duly *accepted* by a majority vote of all the League Clubs in meeting duly convened.

(2.) By an adverse vote of two-thirds of the remaining League Clubs in meeting duly convened, when, for *business reasons*, such membership shall no longer be desirable.

(3.) By expulsion in the manner prescribed in Section 11, for failure to sign the Constitution, and deliver the bond and pay its contributions to the GUARANTEE FUND as prescribed in Section 9; or

Failure to pay the visiting club the amount due under the provisions of Section 61 of this Constitution.

Failure to present its nine at the time and place agreed upon to play any championship game unless caused by unavoidable accident in traveling; or

Selling or allowing to be sold upon its grounds, or in any building owned or occupied by it during the championship season, any spirituous, vinous or malt liquors; or

Allowing open betting or pool selling upon its grounds, or in any building owned or occupied by it; or

Playing any game of ball with a club that is disqualified or ineligible under this Constitution or the National Agreement of Professional Base ball Clubs; or

Offering, agreeing, conspiring, or attempting to lose any game of ball, or failing to immediately expel any player who shall be proven guilty of offering, agreeing, conspiring or attempting to lose any game of ball, or of being interested in any pool or wager thereon; or

Taking part in any game of ball on Sunday with any other League Club.

Disbandment of its organization or nine; or

Failing or refusing to fulfill its contractual obligations with the other League Clubs; or

Failing or refusing to comply with any lawful requirement of the Board of Directors; or

Wilfully violating any provision of this Constitution, or the Legislation or Playing Rules made in pursuance thereof.

SEC. 11. To carry into effect the provisions of Sections 9 and 10 of this Constitution, the facts in any case covered by such sections must be reported to the Secretary of the League, who shall at once telegraph the party charged with the specified default or offence, inquiring whether any dispute exists as to the facts alleged. In case the facts are disputed, the Board shall, after due notice, try the case under such regulations as they may prescribe, and their findings shall be final and conclusive on all parties except in case of expulsion, when such finding shall be forwarded to each League Club, which shall transmit to the Secretary written ballots "For Expulsion," or "Against Expulsion;" and if all League clubs vote "For Expulsion," the Secretary shall notify all League clubs of the forfeiture of membership of the party charged; and every club shall, on or after the receipt of such notice, govern its intercourse with such expelled member by the prohibitions and penalties prescribed by this Constitution.

SEC. 12. (Par. 1.) The umpires, managers and players employed by the clubs belonging to this League shall be considered and treated as members hereof to the extent of being always amenable to the provisions of this Constitution, and entitled to all its privileges in matters of dispute, grievance or discipline, as provided in this Constitution.

(2.) Any umpire, manager or player, having forfeited membership, shall not be readmitted, except by unanimous vote of the League.

SEC. 13. A list to be designated "the black list," shall be kept by the Secretary of the names of any persons who may be declared, by an affirmative vote of five League clubs, at any regular or

special meeting, to be unworthy of service in the League, as umpire, manager or player, and any person so named shall be disqualified for employment by, or service in any League club, until his name be removed from such list by unanimous vote of all League clubs at a regular or special meeting. (See paragraphs 4, 7 and 12 of League contract). The Secretary shall immediately notify all League clubs of any name placed upon or removed from such list of disqualified persons.

OFFICERS.

SEC. 14. At its annual meeting the League shall elect a President by ballot. The President shall be *ex officio* chairman of the Board of Directors. He shall preside at all the meetings of the League, and shall call special meetings of the League when he may deem it necessary, or when thereto requested by half of the clubs of the League.

Should the office of President become vacant by death, resignation, or removal, the Board of Directors shall within thirty days elect a President.

SEC. 15. The affairs of this League shall be conducted and controlled by five Directors, who shall constitute "The Board," and who shall consist of the President and four members, to be chosen at the annual meeting, in the following manner: The name of each club, except that of which the President is a member, shall be plainly written upon a card, in full view of the delegates present, by the Secretary; the cards to be of the same size, shape, color and material. The cards shall then be placed in some suitable receptacle, and well shaken together; thereupon four of these cards shall be drawn successively, and at random, and one delegate from each of the four clubs whose names are so drawn, shall, with the President, compose the Board, and if any club whose name is thus drawn be represented by two delegates, such delegate shall name one of their number to be a member of the Board: *Provided*, That at any time after the adjournment of the annual League meeting, any League club represented on the Board may substitute another representative; such substitution to be attested by written notice to the Secretary, signed by the President of the League club, and upon receipt of such notice by the Secretary, such substitution shall take effect, and the Secretary shall thereupon notify all League clubs.

SEC. 16. No person shall be qualified to act as Director who is not an actual member of the club he represents; nor shall any club, under any circumstances, be represented by more than one person on the Board.

SEC. 17. The Board shall have the general supervision and management of all affairs and business of the League and

shall be individually answerable to the League for the faithful discharge of their trust.

SEC. 18. The Board shall meet annually on the morning of the third Wednesday in November at nine o'clock at the place where the annual meeting of the League is to be held, but may hold special meetings whenever urgent necessity may require.

SEC. 19. The Board shall prepare a detailed report of all their doings, and present the same, in writing, to the League, at its annual meeting, which report shall, if accepted, be filed with the Secretary, together with all official papers, documents and property which may have come into their possession by virtue of their office.

SEC. 20. Any Director who shall disclose or publish any of the proceedings of the Board, except officially through the report of the Board, or when called upon by vote of the League, shall forfeit his office.

SEC. 21. In case of a vacancy in the Board by reason of the death, resignation, absence, or disqualification of any Director, the club of which he was a member at the time he was chosen shall designate his successor, and at once notify the Secretary. But if such vacancy is caused by the withdrawal, disbanding or disqualification of a club represented on the Board, the Board may fill the vacancy by election in the same manner as provided for the election of Directors in Section 15.

SEC. 22. The Board shall elect a gentleman of intelligence, honesty and good repute, who is versed in base ball matters, but who is not in any manner connected with the press, and who is not a member of any professional base ball club, either in or out of the League, to be the Secretary of the Board and of the League.

SEC. 23. The Secretary shall be the Treasurer of the League, and as such shall be the custodian of all funds of the League, receive all dues, fees and assessments, make such payments as shall be ordered by the Board, or by the vote of the League, and render annually a report of his accounts, and shall give such bond with approved sureties as the Board may require.

SEC. 24. The Secretary shall have the custody and care of the official records and papers of the League; shall keep a true record of all meetings of the League and the Board shall issue all official notices and attend to the necessary correspondence; he shall prepare and furnish such reports as may be called for by the Board, and shall be entitled to such books, stationery, blanks and materials as the actual duties of his office may require.

SEC. 25. The Secretary shall keep a record of all infractions of the rules and regulations of the League that may come to his

notice, and shall (except in cases covered by Sections 11 and 13) make a report on the same to the President, who shall present it to the Board at its next meeting.

SEC. 26. The Secretary shall receive such salary as the Board, by vote, shall determine, and shall be reimbursed for all traveling expenses actually incurred by him in the service of the League; and the Board may exact from him such guarantees for the faithful performance of his duties as they may deem for the interest and safety of the League. At the expiration of his term of office, he shall account for and deliver up to the Board all the property and papers which may have come into his hands by virtue of his office.

LEAGUE CLUBS, UMPIRES, MANAGERS AND PLAYERS.

SEC. 27. Each club belonging to this League shall have the right to regulate its own affairs, to make its own contracts, to establish its own rules, and to discipline, punish, suspend, or expel its own manager, players or other employes, and these powers shall not be limited to cases of dishonest play or open insubordination, but shall include all questions of carelessness, indifference, or other conduct of the player that may be regarded by the club as prejudicial to its interests: *Provided*, That all club regulations must be made subordinate to and in conformity with the general regulations established by this League, and no club shall prescribe any rule or regulation in conflict with any provision of this Constitution, or the Playing Rules. (See also League contract).

SEC. 28. Every club member of this League shall have exclusive control of the city in which it is located, and of the territory surrounding such city, to the extent of four miles in every direction from its corporate limits, and no visiting League club shall, under any circumstances—except with the consent of the local League club, until all League championship games on that ground shall have been finished, be allowed to play any club in such territory other than the League club therein located, nor shall a visiting League club play any game in April with any non-League club within the corporate limits of the city in which the League club is located, without the consent of the local League club.

SEC. 29. An agreement may be made between a club and a manager or player for services by the manager or player, and compensation therefor by the club, by telegram or other writing, and notice of such agreement may be sent by telegraph to the Secretary of the League, specifying the term of service agreed upon, and the Secretary shall, immediately upon the receipt of such notice notify all League clubs and all Associations, parties to the

"National Agreement of Professional Base Ball Associations," that the said club has contracted with the said player for the period specified, and the contract thus made and promulgated shall be valid and binding upon all. *Provided*, That within thirty days from the date of making such agreement, the club and the player shall further evidence such agreement by the execution of a contract in the form prescribed by the League (see League contract), and the Secretary of the League shall, upon application, furnish each League club a suitable supply of the printed forms of contract adopted by the League, and in the event that the said player shall refuse within the said thirty days, to sign the said formal League contract, the said club shall notify the Secretary, who shall at once place the name of said player on the "Black List," and the player shall thereupon become disqualified, and the Secretary shall issue notice of such disqualification as provided in Section 13 of this Constitution.

No player, not under one of the two forms of contract specified in this Section, shall be eligible to play in a League game, except that in case a player shall meet with an accident, or be expelled by his club, any player who is not otherwise disqualified, under the provisions of this Constitution, may take the place of such expelled or injured player; but such player shall not be eligible to play for more than five championship games in the nine of such club, without the contract and notice thereof required by this Section, or Section 30.

SEC. 30. It shall be the further duty of a club within ten days after it shall have entered into a formal League contract with a manager or player, to transmit said contract to the Secretary of the League. If the Secretary shall find the contract to be in the form adopted by the League, he shall indorse upon it his certificate to that effect, together with the date of its receipt by him, and at once return it to the contracting club. The Secretary shall also enter upon his records the names of the contracting club, and manager or player, and immediately notify all other League clubs of such contract, unless the notice specified in Section 29 has already been issued. In no case shall the Secretary give such certificate, or give notice of such contract, unless it comply, in all respects, with the form of contract adopted by the League, and no such contract shall be regarded as valid or binding until it bears the Secretary's certificate as herein provided.

SEC. 31. Any player while under contract with a League club, who shall, without the consent of such club, agree to enter the service of any other club after the expiration of such contract, shall be liable to expulsion by said League club. Whenever a club releases a manager or player without notice, or gives him ten days' notice of release, in accordance with paragraphs 15 or 20 of the

League contract, and whenever it suspends or expels a manager or player, that club shall at once notify the Secretary, stating in case of release, the date when the same takes effect, and in case of suspension or expulsion, the cause thereof, and the Secretary shall at once notify all other clubs of the League.

SEC. 32. Releases of players from contract or reservation, and future contracts with such players, shall be regulated and governed by the National Agreement of professional base ball clubs and the League legislation made in pursuance thereof.

SEC. 33. A manager or player, whose contract has become void by reason of his club's disbanding, withdrawing from or losing its membership in the League, may engage for the remainder of the season with any other club immediately after the League Secretary's notice of such disbandment, withdrawal, or loss of membership.

SEC. 34. No manager or player who has been suspended or expelled from a League club, or suspended by the League under the provisions of Section 13 of this Constitution, shall at any time thereafter be allowed to play with or serve any League club (either the one expelling him or any other) unless the term of suspension by the club has expired, or upon his appeal to the Board, such suspension or expulsion shall have been set aside, or in any case under Section 13 his name shall have been removed from the black list by unanimous vote of the League, as provided in said section.

SEC. 35. No club shall employ as umpire, manager, scorer, or player, any person who has willfully violated any provision of this Constitution, or of the Playing Rules, or who has been expelled from any club belonging to this League, or who shall be disqualified from playing with a club under any provision of this Constitution.

SEC. 36. No game of ball shall be played between a League club and any other club that has been expelled from membership in this League. No game of ball shall be played between a League club and any other club employing or presenting in its nine a player expelled or under suspension from the League, or otherwise rendered ineligible by the National Agreement, or the legislation made in pursuance thereof.

SEC. 37. Any manager or player who may consider himself aggrieved or injured by any act of his club, or of any officer, agent or employee thereof, shall make his complaint thereof to the President of the club when the club "nine" is at home. Any manager or player, under contract with a League club, who shall, without the written consent of such club, leave its service, or who shall be proven guilty of offering, agreeing, conspiring, or attempting to lose any game of ball, or of being interested in any pool or wager thereon, shall be at once expelled by such club.

SEC. 38. Any manager or player under contract with a League

club, whose name shall be placed upon the black list provided for in Section 13 of this Constitution, in the manner therein provided, shall immediately upon receipt by such club of the Secretary's notice of such action, be discharged by such club from its service. (See paragraphs 4, 7 and 12 of the League contract.)

SEC. 39. Any person under contract with a League club, who shall be guilty of drunkenness, gambling in any form, insubordination, or of any dishonorable or disreputable conduct (except the offenses requiring expulsion, specified in Sec. 37), may be fined or suspended by such club for the remainder of the playing season, or for the remainder of that and all of the ensuing playing season, at the option of such club. And during the period of such suspension, such person shall be disqualified from playing in or against, or serving any League club: *Provided*, That the club having made the suspension shall not have power to rescind it or to curtail its duration.

The President of the League shall have power, upon proper proof, to inflict a fine for any of such offences, not exceeding two hundred dollars (\$200), which fine can only be remitted by the Board of Directors. (Sec. 6 League Contract.)

SEC. 40. Any person who shall be proven guilty of offering, agreeing, conspiring, or attempting to cause any game of ball to result otherwise than on its merits under the Playing Rules, or who, while acting as Umpire, shall violate any provision of the Constitution, or of the Playing Rules adopted hereunder, may be forever disqualified by the President of the League from acting as Umpire of any game of ball participated in by a League club.

THE UMPIRE.

SEC. 41. A staff of four League Umpires shall be selected by the Secretary before the 1st day of May.

(1.) Applications for such positions will be received by the Secretary until the 1st day of March.

(2.) A written contract shall be made with each of the four Umpires selected, stipulating for his service from May 1 to October 15, at a salary of one thousand dollars for such period, payable in equal monthly payments, at the expiration of each month of service. He shall also be allowed and paid his actual expenses while absent from his home in the service of the League.

(3.) He shall be under the sole control and direction of the Secretary, from whom he will receive all assignments to duty, and all instructions regarding the interpretation of the Playing Rules, and the Secretary shall prescribe a proper uniform for him, all parts of which shall be worn when officiating as Umpire.

(4.) In the event of the failure of such Umpire to umpire a

game assigned to him, it shall be the duty of the Secretary to provide a substitute to umpire such game, and in such case there shall be deducted from the next monthly payment to the League Umpire the sum of twelve dollars for each game assigned to him, which for any reason he shall have failed to umpire.

(5.) It shall be the duty of each League club to accept as Umpire for any championship game such League Umpire or substitute as the Secretary shall assign to such game, and only in the event of the failure of the League Umpire or substitute so assigned to appear at the hour appointed for the beginning of such game, shall the duty devolve upon the visiting club to designate an Umpire for such game.

(6.) Any League Umpire shall be subject to removal by the Secretary at any time, and in the event of the resignation, removal or expulsion of any League Umpire the Secretary shall have power to appoint a suitable person to fill the vacancy thus created.

SEC. 42. *Any League Umpire who shall in the judgment of the President of the League be guilty of ungentlemanly conduct, or of selling, or offering to sell, a game of which he is Umpire, shall thereupon be removed from his official capacity, and placed under the same disabilities inflicted upon expelled players by the Constitution of the League.*

SEC. 43. *The Umpire's Jurisdictions and Powers*, in addition to those specified in the preceding Rules, are:

(1.) The gentleman selected to fill the position of Umpire must keep constantly in mind the fact that upon his sound discretion and promptness in conducting the game, compelling players to observe the spirit as well as the letter of the Rules, and enforcing each and every one of the Rules, largely depends the merit of the game as an exhibition, and the satisfaction of spectators therewith. He must make his decisions distinct and clear, remembering that every spectator is anxious to hear such decision. He must keep the contesting nines playing constantly from the commencement of the game to its termination, allowing such delays only as are rendered unavoidable by accident, injury or rain. He must, until the completion of the game, require the players of each side to promptly take their positions in the field as soon as the third hand is put out, and must require the first striker of the opposite side to be in his position at the bat as soon as the fielders are in their places.

(2.) The players of the side "at bat" must occupy the portion of the field allotted them, subject to the condition that they must speedily vacate any portion thereof that may be in the way of the ball, or any fielder attempting to catch or field it. The triangular space behind the Home Base is reserved for the exclusive use of the Umpire, Catcher and Batsman, and the Umpire must prohibit

any player of the side "at bat" from crossing the same at any time while the ball is in the hands of the Pitcher or Catcher, or is passing between them, while standing in their positions.

(3.) Section 9 of the League Constitution makes the League Umpire a member of the League. During the progress of a game he is the sole representative of the League, to see that the game is played and determined solely on its merits, and these Rules invest him with ample powers to accomplish this purpose. In the performance of his duties he must remember that his sole allegiance is due to the League.

(4.) The Umpire is master of the field from the commencement to the termination of the game, and must compel the players to observe the provisions of all the Playing Rules, and he is hereby invested with authority to order any player to do or omit to do any act, as he may deem it necessary to give force and effect to any and all of such provisions, and power to inflict upon any player disobeying any such order a fine of not less than five nor more than fifty dollars for each offense, and to impose a similar fine upon any player who shall use abusive, threatening or improper language to the Umpire, audience, or other player, and when the Umpire shall have so punished the player, he shall not have the power to revoke or remit the penalty so inflicted. (See League Contract, paragraph 11.)

(5.) The Umpire shall at once notify the Captain of the offending player's side of the infliction of any fine herein provided for, and the club to which such player belongs shall, upon receipt of a notice of said fine from the Secretary of the League, within ten days transmit the amount of such fine to the Secretary of the League.

(6.) In case the Umpire imposes a fine on a player, or declares a game forfeited, he shall transmit a written notice thereof to the Secretary of the League within twenty-four hours thereafter; and if he shall fail to do so, he shall forfeit his position as League Umpire, and shall forever thereafter be ineligible to umpire any League game.

DISPUTES AND COMPLAINTS.

SEC. 44. The Board of Directors shall be the sole tribunal to determine disputes between clubs; the facts to be submitted, and the dispute adjudicated under such regulations as the Board shall prescribe in each case. The finding of the Board shall be final, and under no circumstances shall be reconsidered, re-opened, or inquired into, either by the League or any subsequent Board.

SEC. 45. The Board shall at once consider any complaint preferred by a club against a manager or player of another club (prior to the expiration of the championship season) for conduct in vio-

lation of any provision of this Constitution, or prejudicial to the good repute of the game of base ball, and shall have power to require the club to which such manager or player may belong, to discipline him, and upon repetition of such offence, to expel him: *Provided*, That such complaint be preferred in writing, giving such particulars as may enable the Board to ascertain all the facts, and be transmitted to the Secretary, by whom it shall at once be referred to the Board.

SEC. 46. In case a player under reserve for the ensuing season by any League club, shall prefer a complaint in writing to the Secretary of the League, against said club, alleging :

1. That such club is in arrears to him on account of his contract for the current season, or

2. That he has offered to enter into contract with such club for the ensuing season at a compensation of one thousand dollars for seven months' service, but that the said club has declined either to enter into such contract, or to release him from reservation, the Secretary shall at once transmit to the said club a copy of such complaint, and require an answer thereto. On receipt of such answer, or if one week shall have elapsed without the receipt of an answer, the Secretary shall refer the papers in the case to the Chairman of the Board. The Board shall thereupon try the case under such regulations as they may prescribe, and should they find the player's complaints sustained by the facts, they shall release the player from reservation, and instruct the Secretary of the League to issue notice of such release, in like manner as if the player had been voluntarily released by the club. The Board shall also, should they find the club in arrears to the player, require the club, under penalty of forfeiture of its membership, to pay to the player, within ten days, the full amount ascertained to be due him.

SEC. 47. In case a player under contract with a League club shall prefer a complaint in writing to the Secretary of the League, against such club, alleging that such club is in arrears to him on account of such contract, the Secretary shall act in the matter as provided in the preceding Section, and should the Board find the player's complaint sustained, they shall require the club, under penalty of forfeiture of its membership, to pay to the player within ten days, the full amount ascertained to be due him: *Provided*, That should the player refuse to serve the club, pending action by the Board on his complaint, he will thereby forfeit the benefits of the award, and in such case the Board shall revoke his award.

SEC. 48. The Board shall also be the sole tribunal for the hearing of an appeal made by any person who shall have been expelled or suspended by his club. The matter shall be proceeded with in the following manner: Such person shall, within thirty days after

the date of the expulsion or suspension, file with the Secretary a written statement of his defence, accompanied by a request that an appeal be allowed him. The Secretary shall notify the club of the request for an appeal, accompanying such notice with a copy of the appeal, and at the next annual meeting, the club, by its duly authorized representative, and the appellant in person, by attorney, or by written statement, shall appear before the Board with their testimony. The Board shall impartially hear the matter and render their decision, which shall be *final*, and forever binding on both club and player.

SEC. 49. No Director shall sit in the trial of a cause in which his club is interested.

SEC. 50. Any expenses of trials or arbitrations shall be borne equally by the parties to the controversy.

SEC. 51. In all disputes, complaints or questions arising under "The National Agreement of Professional B. B. Associations," between this League and any other association of clubs, party to such agreement, or between any club of this League and any club of any other association, party to such agreement, the adjudication thereof shall be left entirely to the joint Board of Arbitration provided for by such agreement, and this League will comply with and be bound by the award, findings or verdict of such Board in any such case, so long as this League continues a party to such "National Agreement."

SEC. 52. The League, at its annual meeting, shall adopt a code of Playing Rules, which shall continue in force subject only to such alterations or amendments as may be made by the joint committee on National Playing Rules.

CHAMPIONSHIP.

SEC. 53. The *Championship of the United States*, established by this League, shall be contended for yearly by the clubs composing this League.

SEC. 54. The championship season shall extend from such date in April or May to such date in September or October as the League may determine at its stated or special meeting.

SEC. 55. Every game played between two clubs from the commencement of the championship season to the completion of the championship series between such clubs, shall be a game for the championship, and no League club shall lend or exchange players, to or with each other, for any game played during the championship season.

SEC. 56. Each club shall play eighteen championship games (and no more) with every other club. *Provided, however,* That if any game be prevented by rain, or if a tie or drawn game be

played, the visiting club shall play off such tie or drawn game or games prevented by rain, on the first succeeding day (not counting Sundays, days previously agreed upon for championship games between said clubs, or days when rain renders playing impossible) within the dates of the same schedule series between such clubs, if any remain open; and if not, such game may be played off on any open date between any two series on the same grounds: *Provided*, That if such a game be due on the completion of the first schedule series between two clubs, and be not played off until the next schedule series between such clubs on the same grounds, it shall be played off on the first open date of such series, if there be any.

SEC. 57. Each club shall have half of the championship series of games with every other club played on its own grounds; and in all the details of such games that do not involve the rights of the visiting club under the Playing Rules, but relate solely to such games as attractive exhibitions to the patrons of the home club, and the visiting club shall furnish to a person designated by the home club the batting order of its nine by 10 o'clock on the morning of the day of each game. In case of the failure of any visiting club to furnish the batting order of its nine as herein stipulated, it shall forfeit the sum of \$10, which amount shall be immediately transmitted to the Secretary of the League upon the receipt of notice from him of the infliction of such fine, which notice shall be given by the Secretary upon receipt of complaint from the home club.

It shall be the duty of the home club to furnish the manager and captain of the visiting club with a list of the batting order before the commencement of the game. The visiting club shall have the right to practice its nine on the grounds of the home club between 11 and 12 o'clock A. M. on each day of its visit during the championship season.

SEC. 58. All championship games shall be arranged for in writing, and so as to complete the championship series by the expiration of the championship season. Such written arrangement shall be made by such method as the League shall direct, before the beginning of the championship season, and shall consist of a schedule and agreement relating thereto, which agreement shall be signed by every League club, and the schedule and agreement filed with the Secretary of the League, and a copy thereof, bearing his certificate as to its correctness, furnished by the Secretary to every League club. The schedule shall provide for an equal number of return games, and specify the date of each game, and the dates of each series of games. No date in said schedule shall subsequently be changed, except (1) by written agreement of two clubs, from a date fixed by the schedule for a game between such clubs to another day between the first and last date of the same

schedule series between such clubs; or (2) as provided in Section 55; or (3) by the written consent of all the League clubs.

SEC. 59. The price of admission to championship games shall be fifty cents for each adult person, except in cities occupied by a National League and American Association club.

SEC. 60. In correspondence between clubs, all letters and telegrams concerning umpires, dates, and other matters pertaining to championship games, to a club at home, must be addressed to and answered by its President, or by an officer of such club designated by its President to act for him in such matters, the Secretary of the League to be notified of such designation. If such communication be made by another club when at home, they must be addressed by, and answered to its President or his representative, as above provided; and if the corresponding club be absent from home, they must be addressed by and answered to its manager.

SEC. 61. Each club shall have exclusive control of its own ground, and shall be entitled to all receipts, from whatever sources, upon said ground; but the home club shall, except on holidays, pay to the visiting club the sum of one hundred and twenty-five dollars for each championship game played by it on said ground. On national or State holidays, in lieu of such payment, the home club shall pay to the visiting club fifty per centum of the receipts for general admission, at the close of each championship game.

SEC. 62. No game shall be played between League clubs before the commencement of the championship series.

SEC. 63. No game shall be played between any League club and any non-League club, or picked nine, upon the grounds of any League club, from the commencement to the completion of the championship series upon such grounds, except that any extra players of the home club may so play while the home club is absent from the city. No game shall be arranged or played between any League and non-League clubs, or picked nines, for or upon any "off days" of the championship series, except as above provided, and upon the following express conditions:

1. If a League championship game be prevented by rain or unavoidable accident on the day (not counting Sunday) preceding the day agreed upon for such non-League or picked-nine game, then the latter shall be declared off, so as to allow the League clubs to play the championship game on that day.

2. All such games shall be played under such rules, with such ball and such umpire, as may be mutually agreed upon by the League club and the non-League club.

3. In the event of game stopped by rain before completion of third innings, the home club may issue rain-checks good for ad-

mission to the next succeeding game. The uncompleted game shall be considered a postponed game, and no money paid to the visiting club.

4. The non-League club shall, unless otherwise agreed by letter, telegram or other writing, pay the League club immediately upon the termination of play, without reference to the number of innings played, the sum of one hundred dollars or one-half the gross receipts of such game, in case the gross receipts shall exceed two hundred dollars; and it is to be distinctly understood that the "gross receipts" include all revenue derived from the exhibition, whether taken at regular or carriage gates, or for admission to grounds, grand stands, or to other special privileges of the grounds; also that the visiting club shall have sole control of all gates, and of all entrances to grand stands, or other special ground privileges for which extra fees are charged. And the non-League club shall pay the League club fifty dollars in every case where a League club shall present its nine in the city or town of such non-League club, prepared to play at the time appointed for such game, and the game be prevented by rain, or by any cause other than the refusal by such League club to play such game. In the event of the refusal or failure of any non-League club to pay the sum or sums due, as stipulated, the League club shall at once telegraph such fact to the Secretary of the League, who shall forthwith notify all other League clubs by telegraph; and no League club shall thereafter play such defaulting club until the full amount due be paid the League club, which League club shall, in case of such payment, notify the Secretary, and he the other League clubs, by telegraph.

5. In any case not covered by the first condition specified in this section, a League club having agreed to play a non-League club upon the grounds of the latter, and failing to present its nine in the city or town of such non-League club, prepared to play at the time appointed for such game, the League club shall pay the non-League club the sum of fifty dollars, or such other sum as may have been mutually agreed upon, as the penalty of such default.

SEC. 64. A club shall be entitled to forfeited games—to count in its series as games won by a score of nine runs to none—in cases where the umpire in any championship game shall award the game to such club on account of the violation by the contesting club of any playing rule of this League; and in the event of said forfeiture being caused by the withdrawal of the players during the progress of the game, then the club so withdrawing its players shall incur a penalty of three hundred dollars, which shall be payable to the Secretary of the League within ten days thereafter.

SEC. 65. Drawn, tie, and postponed games shall not count in

the series as games (but any games of not less than five innings shall be included in the averages), but must be played off, if possible, as provided in Section 56. If they cannot be played off as therein provided, they may subsequently be played off, if sufficient time exists before the close of the season.

SEC. 66. The club which shall have won the greatest percentage of games in the championship series shall be declared the champion club of the United States for the season in which such games were played. In the event that two or more clubs shall have won the same percentage of games, then the Board shall at once arrange a special series of three games between any two of such clubs, such games to be played in the month of October, and the games so played shall be included in the championship record, and counted in determining the award of the championship. In such case only the provisions of this Constitution prohibiting the playing or recording as Championship games, games played after the expiration of the championship season, shall have no effect.

The emblem of the championship shall be a pennant (of the national colors) to cost not less than one hundred dollars (\$100). It shall be inscribed with the motto, "Champion Base Ball Club of the United States," with the name of the club and the year in which the title was won, and the champion club shall be entitled to fly the pennant until the close of the ensuing season.

SEC. 67. The championship shall be decided in the following manner:

Within twenty-four hours after every match game played for the championship, the home club shall prepare and forward to the Secretary of the League a statement containing the full score of the game, according to the system specified in the "Playing Rules," the date, place where played, and names of the clubs and umpire: *Provided*, that no tie or drawn game shall be considered "a game" for any purpose except the averages; and provided further that in any case where the Secretary shall not receive the score of a championship game within five days after the playing of such game, the club whose duty it is to forward such score shall pay to the League the sum of ten dollars as the penalty of such default.

At the close of the season the Secretary shall prepare a tabular statement of the games won and lost by each club, according to the statements so sent him (which statements shall be the sole evidence in the matter), and submit the same, with the statements so sent him, to the Board, who shall make the award in writing, and report the same to the League at its annual meeting. In making the award the Board shall consider:

1. The tabular statement of the Secretary.
2. Forfeited games.

3. Games participated in by clubs which have withdrawn, disbanded, or forfeited their membership without completing their championship series with all other League clubs; such games shall be counted to the following extent: The Board shall ascertain the least number of championship games played by such club with any club remaining in the League, and shall, from the first game participated in during the championship season by such retired club, count in the series of each League club a similar number of games, and all other games participated in by such retired club shall not be counted in the championship series. *Provided,* That if such retired club shall have failed to play at least one championship game with every League club, all games participated in by it shall be thrown out entirely.

ANNUAL MEETING.

SEC. 68. The annual meeting of the League shall be held on the third Wednesday in November of each year, at twelve o'clock noon, and at such places as shall have been determined by a vote at the previous annual meeting.

SEC. 69. At such meeting each club shall be represented, and shall be entitled to two representatives, and to have, in addition thereto, any of its officers or ex-officers present at such meeting; but no club shall be permitted to send as a representative any person under contract or engagement as a ball player or manager, and belonging to the nine of such club in said capacity; they shall present a certificate from the President or Secretary of their club, showing their authority to act; but no club shall have more than one vote.

SEC. 70. Special meetings may be called by the President of the League on his own option, or on the written call of four clubs.

SEC. 71. A representation of a majority of clubs shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business, but a less number may adjourn from time to time until a quorum is obtained.

SEC. 72. The following shall be the order of business:

1. Reading minutes of last meeting.
2. Report of Board of Directors.
3. Reports of special committees.
4. Election of new members.
5. Amendment of Constitution.
6. Amendment of Playing Rules.
7. Election of officers.
8. Miscellaneous business.
9. Adjournment.

AMENDMENTS.

SEC. 73. (1) The Constitution of this League may be altered or amended by a two-thirds vote of the League at any annual meeting, or by a unanimous vote at any other time.

(2) Any Section of this Constitution may be suspended or its provisions made non-applicable by unanimous vote at a League meeting.

THE NATIONAL AGREEMENT
OF
Professional Base Ball Associations.

THIS AGREEMENT, made between the Association known and designated as the National League of Professional Base Ball Clubs of the one part, and the Association known and designated as the American Association of Base Ball Clubs, of the other part, witnesseth, that :

FIRST. This document shall be entitled the National Agreement, and shall supersede and be a substitute for all other agreements, similarly or otherwise designated, heretofore existing between the parties hereto.

SECOND (a). No contract shall be made for the services of any player by any Club member of either party hereto for a longer period than seven months, beginning April 1st, and terminating October 31st, and no such contract for services to be rendered after the expiration of the current year shall be made prior to the 20th day of October of *such year*, nor shall any *player enter into any negotiation or contract with any Club, Club agent or individual* for services to be rendered in an ensuing year prior to the said 20th day of October. *Upon written proofs of a violation of this section the Board of Arbitration shall disqualify such player for and during said ensuing year, and shall inflict a fine of five hundred dollars payable forthwith into the treasury of the Board—upon the Club in whose interest such negotiation or contract was entered into.*

(b.) Every *regular* contract shall be forwarded within ten days after its execution to the Secretary of the Association of which the contracting Club is a member, for registry and approval, who shall forthwith notify the Secretary of the other Association party hereto, and the other Club members of his Association.

THIRD. When a player under contract *with or reservation* by any Club member of *either Association* party hereto is expelled, blacklisted or suspended in accordance with its rules, notice of such disqualification shall be served upon the Secretary of the other Association party hereto, by the Secretary of the Association from whose Club such player shall have been thus disqualified and

the Secretary of the other Association, shall forthwith serve notice of such disqualification upon the Club members of such other Association, and from the receipt of such notice all Club members of the parties hereto shall be debarred from employing or playing with, or against, such disqualified player, until the period of disqualification shall have terminated, or the disqualification be revoked by the Association from which such player was disqualified, and due notice of such revocation served upon the Secretary of the other Association, and by him upon his respective Clubs.

FOURTH. *On the tenth day of October in each year the Secretary of each Association shall transmit to the Secretary of the other Association a reserve list of players, not exceeding fourteen in number, then under contract with its several Club members, and of such players reserved in any prior annual reserve list who have refused to contract with said Club members, and such players, together with all others thereafter to be regularly contracted with by such Club members, are and shall be ineligible to contract with any Club member of the other Association, except as hereinafter prescribed.*

FIFTH. Upon the release of a player from contract or reservation with any club member of either Association party hereto, the services of such player shall at once be subject to the acceptance of the other Clubs of such Association, expressed in writing or by telegraph, to the Secretary thereof for a period of ten days after notice of said release, and thereafter if said services be not so accepted, said player may negotiate and contract with any other Club. The Secretary of such Association shall send notice to the Secretary of the other Association of said player's release on the date thereof, and of said acceptance of his services at or before the expiration of the said ten days aforesaid.

SIXTH. No Club not a member of either Association party hereto, shall be entitled to membership in either Association party hereto from any city or town in which any club member of either Association party hereto is located. Provided that nothing herein contained shall prohibit any club member of either Association party hereto from resigning its membership in such Association *during the month of November in any year*, and being admitted to membership in the other Association, with all rights and privileges conferred by this agreement.

SEVENTH. No game shall be played between any Club member of either Association party hereto and any other Club that presents in its nine any player rendered ineligible by this agreement. Provided that in case the Club employing such ineligible player shall discharge him from its service, Clubs of the Associations parties hereto may thereafter play against such Club.

EIGHTH. No Club shall pay to any of its players for one season's services a salary in excess of two thousand dollars; nor shall any

Club employing a player for any portion of the season pay said player for his services at a rate in excess of said maximum of salary, nor advance payment for such services prior to the first day of April in any year, except a sum of money in the month of March sufficient to pay for the transportation of such player from his domicile to the city where such Club is located. Provided that any player to whom the provisions of this agreement applies whose services are required by any Club member of the Associations parties hereto, shall be entitled to receive for his services at least one thousand dollars.

NINTH. A Board of Arbitration, consisting of three duly accredited representatives from each of the Associations parties hereto, shall convene *annually*, at a place mutually to be arranged and shall organize by the election of a chairman, secretary and such other officers and committees as to them shall seem meet and proper. They may make, and from time to time revoke, alter and repeal all necessary rules and regulations not inconsistent with this agreement, or with the constitution of either Association for their meetings, procedure, and the general transaction of their business. Their membership on said Board shall be determinable at the pleasure of their respective appointing Associations upon duly certified notice thereof. A quorum shall consist of at least two representatives from each Association, and all questions shall be voted upon separately by the respective delegations, and no such changes or additions shall be made unless concurred in by a majority of the delegates of each Association.

TENTH. In addition to all matters that may be specially referred to them by both of the Associations parties hereto, the said Board shall have sole, exclusive and final jurisdiction of all disputes and complaints arising under, and all interpretations of this Agreement. They shall also, in the interests of harmony and peace, arbitrate upon and decide all differences and disputes arising between the Associations parties hereto and between a Club member of one and a Club member of the other Association party hereto. Provided, that nothing in this Agreement shall be construed as giving authority to said Board to pass upon, alter, amend or modify any section or part of section of the constitution of either Association party hereto.

We hereby certify that the said Associations parties hereto have by a unanimous vote of the Clubs of said Associations, adopted, ratified and approved this Agreement.

N. E. YOUNG,
President of The National League of Professional B. B. Clubs.

W. C. WIKOFF,

President of The American Association of B. B. Clubs.
February 1, 1887.

ARTICLES OF QUALIFIED ADMISSION

TO THE

NATIONAL AGREEMENT

OF

Professional Base Ball Associations.

The parties of the first part being the parties to the National Agreement of Professional Base Ball Associations (viz.: The National League of Professional Base Ball Clubs and the American Association of Base Ball Clubs), and the parties of the second part being such eligible professional or semi-professional associations of base ball clubs as shall duly authorize their Presidents to sign this agreement, and whose Presidents do sign this Agreement in pursuance to said authority, do hereby agree each with the other, in consideration of the mutual advantages and protections to be derived therefrom, as follows:

I. Each Association constituting one of the parties of the second part, when it shall have signed this Agreement in pursuance to authority given its President in accordance with the provisions herein, shall be, and each of them is, hereby given and afforded the following protection and qualified admission to the National Agreement of Professional Base Ball Associations, and this in lieu of all previous contracts made by the parties to the National Agreement of Professional Base Ball Associations with the said parties of the second part, or any of them.

II. On or *after the twentieth day of October* of each year the Secretary of each Association which is a party of the second part, shall forward to the Secretary of each Association party of the first part, the names of any and all players then under contract who have signed such contracts on or after the *twentieth day of October*, with any of the Clubs, members of the said Associations parties of the second part, and from and after the receipt of such notice and of notice of all subsequent contracts from said Secretaries, any and all players so reported as being under contract with

any of the Clubs, members of the Association parties of the second part, shall be ineligible to contract with *any Club member of the parties of the first or second part* until the 20th day of October then next ensuing, *unless such Club member shall have previously disbanded or lost its membership in its Association.*

III. Any player who has entered into a contract with any Club member of *any Association party of the second part may be suspended without pay by such Club or Association for breach of contract or breach of any of the rules of such Association, and he shall thereafter be ineligible to sign or play during the remainder of the current season with any of the Clubs of the Associations parties to or under the protection of the National Agreement unless such disability shall have been sooner removed by the Club or Association by which he was suspended.*

IV. Any player under contract or reservation, or who shall be expelled, blacklisted or suspended by either of the parties of *the first part* shall be ineligible to sign or play with any of the Clubs, members of the Association's parties of the second part herein, and any Club who shall knowingly play any such player, either in their Club, or who shall play against any other Club who has such a player in their nine, shall be dismissed from membership by the Association of which it is a member, or said Association shall forfeit all rights under this Agreement.

V. Before any Club member of any Association, a party of the second part, shall contract with a player for an ensuing season, the party of the second part of which such Club is or may be a member, shall enact laws or regulations debarring such Club from entering into such contract with such player while under arrears to him on account of his contract for the current season; also debarring such Club from *suspending* or otherwise attempting to disqualify a player for refusing to contract with it. Each Association party of the second part shall also, at its next legislative meeting, enact laws providing for the expulsion of any Club member for refusal to pay arrears of salary to a player when thereto required by the Board of Directors of said Association, party of the second part, or said Association shall forfeit all rights under this Agreement.

VI. *Qualified membership of any of the parties of the second part shall be forfeited for failing to expel any of its Club members that may play a game of ball except under the joint playing rules adopted by the parties of the first part, or that may play a game in any city, or within four miles thereof, wh'rein is located a Club member of the parties of the first part, without the consent of said Club, on the same day on which a championship game is scheduled.*

VII. In lieu of active membership in the Board of Arbitration it is expressly stipulated that in any case coming before the said Board involving the forfeiture of any rights or privileges of any Association party of the second part, or any Club member thereof, the Secretary of the said Board shall notify such Association in writing, and on demand of said party of the second part said Board shall grant it a hearing on the trial of the case, and no adverse verdict shall be rendered by said Board against such Association party of the second part, nor against any Club member thereof, unless such notice be furnished, and such hearing, if thereupon demanded, granted.

VIII. It is understood and agreed by and between the parties hereto, that any controversy between Associations, or between Clubs of different Associations parties to this Agreement, as to any matter or matters herein mentioned, or mentioned in the National Agreement, shall be determined by the Board of Arbitration without regard to any law or regulation of any party hereto, that may be in conflict therewith.

IX. Each Association parties of the second part, shall pay to the Secretary of the Board of Arbitration as annual dues the sum of \$50, on or before the first day of *February* in each year during their qualified membership under this agreement.

X. All contracts or agreements heretofore made between the parties hereto are hereby declared null and void.

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—THE—
NATIONAL PLAYING RULES
—OF—
Professional Base Ball Clubs

AS RECOMMENDED BY THE CONFERENCE COMMITTEE
MEETING IN CHICAGO, NOVEMBER, 1886, AND FOR-
MALLY ADOPTED BY THE NATIONAL LEAGUE AND
AMERICAN ASSOCIATION AT THEIR RESPECTIVE
CONVENTIONS IN NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER, 1886.

THE MATERIALS OF THE GAME.

RULE 1. *The Ground* must be an inclosed field, sufficient in size to enable each player to play in his position as required by these Rules.

RULE 2. *The Infield* must be a space of ground thirty yards square.

RULE 3. *The Bases* must be

(1) Four in number, and designated as First Base, Second Base, Third Base and Home Base.

(2) The Home Base must be of *whitened* rubber twelve inches square, so fixed in the ground as to be even with the surface, and so placed in the corner of the infield that two of its sides will form part of the boundaries of said infield.

(3) The First, Second and Third Bases must be canvas bags, fifteen inches square, painted white, and filled with some soft material, and so placed that the center of *the second base shall be upon its corner of the infield, and the center of the first and third bases shall be on the lines running to and from second base and seven and one-half inches from the foul lines, providing that each base shall be entirely within the foul lines.*

(4) All the Bases must be securely fastened in their positions, and so placed as to be distinctly seen by the Umpire.

RULE 4. *The Foul Lines* must be drawn in straight lines from the outer corner of the Home Base, along the outer edge of the First and Third Bases, to the boundaries of the Ground.

RULE 5 (SEC. 1). *The Pitcher's Lines* must be straight lines forming the boundaries of a space of ground, in the infield, *five and one-half* feet long by four feet wide, distant fifty feet from the center of the Home Base, and so placed that the *five and one-half* feet lines would each be two feet distant from and parallel with a straight line passing through the center of the Home and Second Bases. Each corner of this space must be marked by a flat iron plate or stone, six inches square, fixed in the ground, even with the surface.

(SEC. 2.) *The pitcher shall take his position facing the batsman, with both feet squarely on the ground, the right foot on the rear line of the "box," his left foot in advance of the right, and to the left of an imaginary line from his right foot to the center of the home base. He shall not raise his right foot, unless in the act of delivering the ball, nor make more than one step in such delivery. He shall hold the ball, before delivery, fairly in front of his body, and in sight of the Umpire. In the case of a left-handed pitcher the above words "left" and "right" are to be reversed. When the pitcher feigns to throw the ball to a base he must resume the above position and pause momentarily before delivering the ball to the bat.*

RULE 6. *The Catcher's Lines* must be drawn from the outer corner of the Home Base, in continuation of the Foul Lines, straight to the limits of the Ground back of the Home Base.

RULE 7. *The Captain's or Coacher's Lines* must be a line fifteen feet from and parallel with the Foul Lines, said lines commencing at a line parallel with and seventy-five feet distant from the catcher's line, and running thence to the limits of the grounds. And should the said Captain or Coacher wilfully fail to remain in said bounds, he shall be fined by the Umpire five dollars for each such offence, except upon an appeal by the Captain from the Umpire's decision upon a misinterpretation of the rules.

RULE 8. *The Players' Lines* must be drawn from the Catcher's Lines to the limits of the Ground, fifty feet distant from and parallel with the Foul Lines.

RULE 9. *The Players' Benches* must be furnished by the home club, and placed upon a portion of the ground outside the Players' Lines. They must be twelve feet in length, and must be immovably fastened to the ground. At the end of each bench must be immovably fixed a bat-rack, with fixtures for holding twenty bats; one such rack must be designated for the exclusive use of the Visiting Club, and the other for the exclusive use of the Home Club.

RULE 10. *The Batsman's Lines* must be straight lines forming the boundaries of a space on the right, and of a similar space on the left of the Home Base, six feet long by four feet wide, extending three feet in front of and three feet behind the center of the

Home Base, and with its nearest line distant six inches from the Home Base.

RULE 11. *The Three Feet Lines* must be drawn as follows: From a point on the Foul Line from Home Base to First Base, and equally distant from such bases, shall be drawn a line on Foul Ground, at a right angle to said Foul Line, and to a point three feet distant from it; thence running parallel with said Foul Line, to a point three feet distant from the First Base; thence in a straight line to the *Foul Line*, and thence upon the Foul Line to point of beginning.

RULE 12. *The lines designated in Rules 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 10 and 11* must be marked with chalk or other suitable material, so as to be distinctly seen by the Umpire. They must all be so marked their entire length, *except the Captain's and Players' Lines*, which must be so marked for a distance of at least thirty-five yards from the Catcher's Lines.

RULE 13. *The Ball.**

(SECTION 1.) Must not weigh less than five nor more than five and one-quarter ounces avoirdupois, and measure not less than nine nor more than nine and one-quarter inches in circumference. *The Spalding League ball, or the Reach American Association ball, must be used in all games played under these rules.*

(SEC. 2.) *For each championship game two balls shall be furnished by the home club to the Umpire for use. When the ball in play is batted over the fence or stands, on to foul ground out of sight of the players, the other ball shall be immediately put into play by the Umpire. As often as one of the two in use shall be lost, a new one must be substituted, so that the Umpire may at all times, after the game begins, have two for use. The moment the Umpire delivers the alternate ball to the catcher or pitcher it comes into play, and shall not be exchanged until it, in turn, passes out of sight on to foul ground.*

(SEC. 3.) In all games the ball or balls played with shall be furnished by the Home Club, and the last ball in play becomes the property of the winning club. Each ball to be used in

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The National League; International League; Northwestern League; Eastern League; Western League; New England League; N. Y. Inter-state League; Canadian League; Colored League; American College Association; N. W. College Association, and nearly all the minor State and City leagues throughout the United States and Canada. Beware of counterfeits; none genuine without the Spalding Trade Mark on each box and ball.

championship games shall be examined, measured and weighed by the Secretary of the Association inclosed in a paper box and sealed with the seal of the Secretary, which seal shall not be broken except by the umpire in the presence of the captains of the two contesting nines after play has been called.

(SEC. 4.) Should the ball become out of shape, or cut or ripped so as to expose the yarn, or in any way so injured as to be—in the opinion of the Umpire—unfit for fair use, the Umpire, on being appealed to by either Captain, shall at once put the alternate ball into play and call for a new ball.

RULE 14. *The Bat.*

(1) Must be made wholly of wood, except that the handle may be wound with twine, or a granulated substance applied, not to exceed eighteen inches from the end.

(2) It must be round except that a portion of the surface may be flat on one side, must not exceed two and one-half inches in diameter in the thickest part, and must not exceed forty-two inches in length.

FIELD RULES.

RULE 15. *No Club* shall allow open betting or pool selling upon its grounds, nor in any building owned or occupied by it.

RULE 16. *No person shall be allowed upon any part of the field during the progress of the game, in addition to the players in uniform, the manager on each side and the umpire; except such officers of the law as may be present in uniform, and such officials of the Home Club as may be necessary to preserve the peace.*

RULE 17. *Players in uniform* shall not be permitted to seat themselves among the spectators.

RULE 18. *The Umpire* is the sole judge of play, and is entitled to the respect of the spectators, and any person offering any insult or indignity to him, must be promptly ejected from the grounds.

RULE 19. *Every club* shall furnish sufficient police force upon its own grounds to preserve order, and in the event of a crowd entering the field during the progress of a game, and interfering with the play in any manner, the Visiting Club may refuse to play further until the field be cleared. If the ground be not cleared within fifteen minutes thereafter, the Visiting Club may claim, and shall be entitled to, the game by a score of nine runs to none (no matter what number of innings have been played).

RULE 20. No Umpire, Manager, Captain or Player shall address the audience during the progress of a game, except in case of necessary explanation.

THE PLAYERS AND THEIR POSITIONS.

RULE 21. *The Players* of each club in a match game shall be nine in number, one of whom shall act as Captain. Every club shall be required to adopt uniforms for its players, and in no case shall less than nine men be allowed to play on each side. Each player shall be required to present himself upon the field during said game in a neat and cleanly condition, but no player shall attach anything to the sole or heel of his shoes other than the ordinary base ball shoe plate.

RULE 22. *The Player's Position* shall be

(SECTION 1.) When in the field (designated "Fielders" in these Rules) such as may be assigned them by their Captain, except that the Pitcher must take his position within the Pitcher's Lines, as defined in Rule 5.

(SEC. 2.) When their side goes to the bat they must immediately seat themselves upon the player's bench and remain there until the side is put out, except when batsman or base runner. All bats not in use must be kept in the bat racks, and the two players next succeeding the batsman, in the order in which they are named on the score, must be ready with bat in hand to promptly take position as batsman; provided, that the Captain and one assistant only may occupy the space between the players' lines and the Captains' lines to coach base runners.

(SEC. 3.) The Batsmen must take their positions within the Batsmen's Lines, as defined in Rule 10, in the order in which they are named on the score, which must contain the batting order of both nines, and must be followed, except in case of disability of a player, in which case the substitute must take the place of the disabled player in the batting order.

(SEC. 4.) No player of the side at bat, *except* when Batsman, shall occupy any portion of the space within the Catcher's Lines, as defined in Rule 6.

DEFINITIONS.

RULE 23. A *Fair Ball* is a ball delivered by the Pitcher while standing wholly within the lines of his position, and facing the batsman, the ball, so delivered, to pass over the home base, *not lower than the batsman's knee, nor higher than his shoulder.*

RULE 24. An *Unfair Ball* is a ball delivered by the Pitcher as in Rule 23, except that the ball does not pass over the Home Base, or does pass over the Home Base above the batsman's shoulder or below his knee.

RULE 25. *A Balk* is

(SEC. 1.) Any motion made by the Pitcher to deliver the ball to the bat without delivering it, and shall be held to include any and every accustomed motion with the hands, arms or feet, or position of the body assumed by the Pitcher in his delivery of the ball, *and any motion calculated to deceive a base runner*, except the ball be accidentally dropped.

(SEC. 2.) If the ball be held by the Pitcher so long as to delay the game unnecessarily ; or

(SEC. 3.) Any motion to deliver the ball, or the delivering the ball to the bat by the Pitcher when any part of his person is upon ground outside of the lines of his position, including all preliminary motions with the hands, arms and feet.

RULE 26. *A Dead Ball* is a ball delivered to the bat by the Pitcher that touches the Batsman's bat without being struck at, or any part of the Batsman's person or clothing while standing in his position without being struck at ; or any part of the Umpire's person or clothing without first passing the Catcher.

RULE 27. *A Block* is a batted or thrown ball that is stopped or handled by any person not engaged in the game.

RULE 28. *A Fair Hit* is a ball batted by the Batsman, standing in his position, that first touches the ground, the First Base, the Third Base, the part of the person of a player, or any other object that is in front of or on either of the Foul Lines, or (*exception*) batted directly to the ground by the Batsman, standing in his position, that (whether it first touches Foul or Fair Ground) bounds or rolls within the Foul Lines, between Home and First, or Home and Third Bases, without first touching the person of a player.

RULE 29. *A Foul Hit* is a ball batted by the Batsman, standing in his position, that first touches the ground, the part of the person of a player, or any other object that is behind either of the Foul Lines, or that strikes the person of such Batsman, while standing in his position, or (*exception*) batted directly to the ground by the Batsman, standing in his position, that (whether it first touches Foul or Fair Ground) bounds or rolls outside the Foul Lines, between Home and First, or Home and Third Bases, without first touching the person of a player.

RULE 30. When a batted ball passes outside the grounds, the Umpire shall decide it fair should it disappear within, or foul should it disappear outside of the range of the Foul Lines, and Rules 28 and 29 are to be construed accordingly.

RULE 31. *A Strike is*

(1.) A ball struck at by the Batsman without its touching his bat ; or,

(2.) *A Fair Ball, legally delivered by the Pitcher, but not struck at by the Batsman.*

(3.) *Any obvious attempt to make a foul hit.*

RULE 32. *A Foul Strike* is a ball batted by the Batsman when any part of his person is upon ground outside the lines of the Batsman's position.

RULE 33. *Play* is the order of the Umpire to begin the game, or to resume play after its suspension.

RULE 34. *Time* is the order of the Umpire to suspend play. Such suspension must not extend beyond the day of the game.

RULE 35. *Game* is the announcement by the Umpire that the game is terminated.

RULE 36. *An Innings* is the term at bat of the nine players representing a Club in a game, and is completed when three of such players have been put out as provided in these Rules.

RULE 37. *A Time at Bat* is the term at bat of a Batsman. It begins when he takes his position, and continues until he is put out, or becomes a base runner; except when, because of being hit by a pitched ball, or in case of an illegal delivery by the Pitcher, as in Rule 48.

Rule 38. *Legal* or *Legally*, signifies as required by these Rules.

THE GAME.

RULE 39. *A Game* shall consist of nine innings to each contesting nine, except that,

(1.) If the side first at bat scores less runs in nine innings than the other side has scored in eight innings, the game shall then terminate.

(2.) If the side last at bat in the ninth innings scores the winning run before the third man is out, the game shall then terminate.

(3.) If the score be a tie at the end of nine innings to each side, play shall only be continued until the side first at bat shall have scored one or more runs than the other side, in an equal number of innings, or until the other side shall score one more run than the side first at bat.

(4.) If the Umpire calls "Game" on account of darkness or rain at any time after five innings have been completed by both sides, the score shall be that of the last equal innings played unless the side second at bat shall have scored one or more runs than the side first at bat, in which case the score of the game shall be the total number of runs made.

RULE 40. *A Drawn Game* shall be declared by the Umpire

when he terminates a game on account of darkness or rain, after five equal innings have been played, if the score at the time is equal on the last even innings played; but (*exception*) if the side that went second to bat is then at the bat, and has scored the same number of runs as the other side, the Umpire shall declare the game drawn, without regard to the score of the last equal innings.

RULE 41. *A Forfeited Game* shall be declared by the Umpire in favor of the Club not in fault, in the following cases:

(1.) If the nine of a club fail to appear upon the field, or being upon the field, fail to begin the game within five minutes after the Umpire has called "Play," at the hour appointed for the beginning of the game, *unless such delay in appearing or in commencing the game be unavoidable*.

(2.) If, after the game has begun, one side refuses or fails to continue playing, *unless such game has been suspended or terminated by the Umpire*.

(3.) If, after play has been suspended by the Umpire, one side fails to resume playing within five minutes after the Umpire has called "Play."

(4.) If, in the opinion of the Umpire, any one of these Rules is willfully violated.

RULE 42. "*No Game*" shall be declared by the Umpire if he shall terminate play on account of rain or darkness, before five innings on each side are completed.

RULE 43. *A Substitute* shall not be allowed to take the place of any player in a game, *unless such player be disabled in the game then being played, by reason of illness or injury, of the nature or extent of which the Umpire shall be sole judge*.

RULE 44. *The choice of innings shall be,*

(1.) *Given to the Captain of the Home Club, who shall also be the sole judge of the fitness of the ground for beginning a game after rain, and no game shall be begun later than two hours before sunset.*

(2.) In every championship game each team shall be required to have present on the field, in uniform, at least one or more players, and no player except he be so in uniform shall be substituted for any sick or injured player.

RULE 45. *The Umpire* must call "Play" at the hour appointed for beginning a game. The game must begin when the Umpire calls "Play." When he calls "Time," play shall be suspended until he calls "Play" again, and during the interim no player shall be put out, base be run, or run be scored. The Umpire shall suspend play only for an accident to himself or a player (*but in case of accident to a Fielder, Time shall not be called un-*

til the ball be returned to, and held by the Pitcher, standing in his position), or in case rain falls so heavily that the spectators are compelled, by the severity of the storm, to seek shelter, in which case he shall note the time of suspension, and should such rain continue to fall thirty minutes thereafter, he shall terminate the game; *or to enforce order in case of annoyance from spectators.* The Umpire shall also declare every "Dead Ball," "Block," "Foul Hit," "Foul Strike," and "Balk."

RULE 46. The Umpire shall count and call every "unfair ball" delivered by the Pitcher, and every "dead ball," if also an unfair ball, as a "ball," and he shall also count and call every "strike." Neither a "ball" nor a "strike" shall be counted or called until the ball has passed the home base.

RULE 47. *The Batsman is out:*

(SEC. 1.) If he fails to take his position at the bat in his order of batting, unless the error be discovered, and the proper Batsman takes his position before a fair hit has been made, and in such case the balls and strikes called will be counted in the time at bat of the proper Batsman.

(2.) If he fails to take his position within one minute after the Umpire has called for the Batsman.

(3.) If he makes a Foul Hit, and the ball be momentarily held by a Fielder before touching the ground, provided it be not caught in a Fielder's hat or cap, or touch some object other than the Fielder before being caught.

(4.) If he makes a Foul Strike.

(5.) If he plainly attempts to hinder the Catcher from fielding the ball, evidently without effort to make a fair hit.

(6.) If, while the First Base be occupied by a base runner, four strikes be called on him by the Umpire, except when two hands are already out.

RULE 48. *The Batsman becomes a Base Runner*

(1.) Instantly after he makes a Fair Hit.

(2.) Instantly after five Balls have been called by the Umpire.

(3.) Instantly after four Strikes have been declared by the Umpire.

(4.) *If, while he be a batsman, his person or clothing be hit by a ball from the pitcher, unless—in the opinion of the Umpire—he intentionally permits himself to be so hit.*

(5.) Instantly after an illegal delivery of a ball by the pitcher.

RULE 49. *The Base Runner must touch each Base in regular order, viz: First, Second, Third and Home Bases, and when obliged to return, must retouch the base or bases in reverse*

order. He shall only be considered as holding a base after touching it, and shall then be entitled to hold such base until he has legally touched the next base in order, or has been legally forced to vacate it for a succeeding Base Runner.

RULE 50. The Base Runner shall be entitled, without being put out, to take one Base in the following cases:

- (1.) If, while he was batsman, the Umpire called *five* Balls.
- (2.) If the Umpire awards a succeeding Batsman a base on *five balls*, or for being hit with a pitched ball, or in case of an illegal delivery—as in rule 48—and the Base Runner is thereby forced to vacate the base held by him.
- (3.) If the Umpire calls a “balk.”
- (4.) If a ball delivered by the Pitcher pass the Catcher and touch any fence or building within ninety feet of the Home Base.
- (5.) If he be prevented from making a base by the obstruction of an adversary.
- (6.) If the fielder stop or catch a batted ball with his hat or any part of his dress.

RULE 51. The Base Runner shall return to his Base, and shall be entitled to so return without being put out.

- (1.) If the Umpire declares a Foul Hit, and the ball be not legally caught by a Fielder.
- (2.) If the Umpire declares a Foul Strike.
- (3.) If the Umpire declares a Dead Ball, unless it be also the fifth Unfair Ball, and he be thereby forced to take the next base, as provided in Rule 50. (See clause 2.)

RULE 52. The Base Runner shall not have a substitute run for him.

- RULE 53. The Base Runner is out:*
- (1.) If, after four strikes have been declared against him while Batsman, and the Catcher fails to catch the fourth-strike ball, he plainly attempts to hinder the Catcher from fielding the ball.
 - (2.) If, having made a Fair Hit while Batsman, such fair-hit ball be momentarily held by a Fielder, before touching the ground or any object other than a Fielder: *Provided*, It be not caught in the Fielder's hat or cap.
 - (3.) If, when the Umpire has declared four Strikes on him while Batsman, the fourth-strike ball be momentarily held by a Fielder before touching the ground: *Provided*, It be not caught in a Fielder's hat or cap, or touch some object other than a Fielder before being caught.
 - (4.) If, after four Strikes or a Fair Hit, he be touched

with the ball in the hand of a Fielder before such Base Runner touches First Base.

(5.) If, after four Strikes or a Fair Hit, the ball be securely held by a Fielder, while touching First Base with any part of his person, *before* such Base Runner touches First Base.

(6.) If, in running the last half of the distance from Home Base to First Base, he runs outside the Three Feet Lines, as defined in Rule 11; *except* that he must do so if necessary to avoid a Fielder attempting to field a batted ball, and in such case shall not be declared out.

(7.) If, in running from First to Second Base, from Second to Third Base, or from Third to Home Base, he runs more than three feet from a direct line between such bases to avoid being touched by the ball in the hands of a Fielder; but in case a Fielder be occupying the Base Runner's proper path, attempting to field a batted ball, then the Base Runner shall run out of the path and behind said Fielder, and shall not be declared out for so doing.

(8.) If he fails to avoid a Fielder attempting to field a batted ball, in the manner prescribed in clauses 6 and 7 of this Rule; or if he, in any way, obstructs a Fielder attempting to field a batted ball, *or intentionally interferes with a thrown ball*: *Provided*, That if two or more Fielders attempt to field a batted ball, and the Base Runner comes in contact with one or more of them, the Umpire shall determine which Fielder is entitled to the benefit of this Rule, and shall not decide the Base Runner out for coming in contact with any other Fielder.

(9.) If, at any time while the ball is in play, he be touched by the ball in the hand of a Fielder, unless some part of his person is touching a base he is entitled to occupy; *provided* the ball be held by the Fielder after touching him; *but (exception as to First Base)*, in running to First Base, he may over run said base without being put out for being off said base after first touching it, provided he returns at once and retouches the base, after which he may be put out as at any other base. If, in over-running First Base, he also attempts to run to Second Base, *or, after passing the base he turns to his left from the foul line*, he shall forfeit such exemption from being put out.

(10.) If, when a Fair or Foul Hit ball is legally caught by a Fielder, such ball is legally held by a Fielder on the base occupied by the Base Runner when such ball was struck (or the Base Runner be touched with the ball in the hands of a Fielder), before he retouches said base after such Fair or Foul Hit ball was so caught. *Provided*, That the Base Runner shall not be out in such case, if, after the ball was legally caught as above, it be delivered to the bat by the Pitcher before the Fielder holds it on

said base, or touches the Base Runner with it; *but if the Base Runner in attempting to reach a base, detaches it before being touched or forced out he shall be declared safe.*

(11.) If, when a Batsman becomes a Base Runner (*except as provided in Rule 50*), the First Base, or the First and Second Bases, or the First, Second and Third Bases, be occupied, any Base Runner so occupying a base shall cease to be entitled to hold it, until any following Base Runner is put out, and may be put out at the next base or by being touched by the ball in the hands of a Fielder in the same manner as in running to First Base, at any time before any following Base Runner is put out.

(12.) If a fair hit ball strike him he shall be declared out, and in such case no base shall be run unless forced by the Batsman becoming a Base Runner, and no run be scored.

(13.) If when running to a base or forced to return to a base, he fail to touch the intervening base or bases, if any, in the order prescribed in Rule 49, he may be put out at the base he fails to touch, or by being touched by the ball in the hand of a Fielder, in the same manner as in running to First Base.

(14.) If, when the Umpire calls "Play," after any suspension of a game, he fails to return to and touch the base he occupied when "Time" was called before touching the next base.

RULE 54. The Umpire shall declare the Batsman or Base Runner out, without waiting for an appeal for such decision, in all cases where such player is put out in accordance with these rules, *except as provided in Rule 53, Clauses 10 and 14.*

RULE 55. In case of a Foul Strike, Foul Hit ball not legally caught flying, Dead Ball, or Base Runner put out for being struck by a fair-hit ball, the ball shall not be considered in play until it is held by the Pitcher standing in his position.

RULE 56. *Whenever a Block occurs,* the Umpire shall declare it, and Base Runners may run the bases without being put out, until after the ball has been returned to and held by the Pitcher standing in his position.

RULE 57. *One Run shall be scored every time a Base Runner, after having legally touched the first three bases, shall touch the Home Base before three men are put out.* If the third man is forced out, or is put out before reaching First Base, a run shall not be scored.

RULE 58. The Captain only may address the Umpire, and then, only, upon a question of interpretation of the rules. Any violation of this rule shall subject the offender to a fine of five dollars by the Umpire.

RULE 59. The Captains and Coachers are restricted in coaching to the Base Runner only, and are not allowed to ad-

dress any remarks except to the Base Runner, and then only in words of necessary direction; and no player shall use language which will, in any manner, refer to or reflect upon a player of the opposing club or the audience. To enforce the above the Captain of the opposite side may call the attention of the Umpire to the offence and upon a repetition of the same the club shall be debarred from further coaching during the game.

THE UMPIRE'S DUTIES.

RULE 60. The Umpire's duties shall be as follows:

(1.) The Umpire is the sole and absolute judge of play. In no instance shall any person be allowed to question the correctness of any decision made by him except the Captains of the contending nines, and no other player shall, at such time leave his position in the field, his place at the bat, on the bases or player's bench, to approach or address the Umpire in word or act upon such disputed decision, unless requested to do so by the Umpire. Every player violating this provision shall be fined by said Umpire *ten dollars* for each offence. Neither shall any Manager or other officers of either club except the Captains as before mentioned - be permitted to go upon the field or address the Umpire in regard to such disputed decision under a penalty of a forfeiture of the game to the opposing club. The Umpire shall in no case appeal to any spectator for information in regard to any such case, but may ask for information, if he so desires, from one or more of the players.

(2.) Before the commencement of a Match Game, the Umpire shall see that the rules governing all the materials of the game are strictly observed. He shall ask the Captain of the Home Club whether there are any special ground rules to be enforced, and if there are, he shall see that they are duly enforced, provided they do not conflict with any of these Rules. He shall also ascertain whether the fence in the rear of the Catcher's position is distant ninety feet from the Home Base.

(3.) *In case the Umpire imposes a fine on a player, or declares a game forfeited, he shall transmit a written notice thereof to the President of the Association within twenty-four hours thereafter, under the penalty of having said fine taken from his own salary.*

RULE 61. The Umpire's jurisdiction and powers in addition to those specified in the constitution and the preceding rules are:

(1.) He must keep the contesting nines playing constantly from the commencement of the game to its termination, allowing such delays only as are rendered unavoidable by accident, injury or rain. He must, until the completion of the game, require the players of each side to promptly take their positions in the field as soon as the third hand is put out, and must require

the first striker of the opposite side to be in his position at the bat as soon as the fielders are in their places.

(2.) The players of the side "at bat" must occupy the portion of the field allotted them, but must speedily vacate any portion thereof that may be in the way of the ball, or of any Fielder attempting to catch or field it. The triangular space behind the Home Base is reserved for the exclusive use of the Umpire, Catcher and Batsman, and the Umpire must prohibit any player of the side "at bat" from crossing the same at any time while the ball is in the hands of, or passing between, the Pitcher and Catcher, while standing in their positions.

(3.) The Umpire is master of the Field from the commencement to the termination of the game, and must compel the players to observe the provisions of all the Playing Rules, and he is hereby invested with authority to order any player to do or omit to do any act, as he may deem it necessary to give force and effect to any and all of such provisions, and powers to inflict upon any player disobeying any such order a fine of not less than five nor more than twenty-five dollars for each offense, and to impose a similar fine upon any player who shall use abusive, threatening or improper language to the Umpire.

(4.) The Umpire shall at once notify the Captain of the offending player's side of the infliction of any fine herein provided for.

RULE 62. A fair batted ball that goes over the fence at a less distance than two hundred and ten feet from Home Base shall entitle the Batsman to two bases, and a distinctive line shall be marked on the fence at this point. The Umpire shall not reverse his decision on any point of play upon the testimony of any player engaged in the game, or upon the testimony of any bystander.

RULE 63. *The Umpire shall not be changed* during the progress of a Match Game, except for reason of illness or injury.

RULE 64. For the special benefit of the patrons of the game, and because the offences specified are under his immediate jurisdiction, and not subject to appeal by players, the attention of the Umpire is particularly directed to possible violations of the purpose and spirit of the Rules, of the following character:

(1.) Laziness or loafing of players in taking their places in the field, or those allotted them by the Rules when their side is at the bat, and especially any failure to keep the bats in the racks provided for them; to be ready (two men) to take position as Batsmen, and to remain upon the Players' Bench, except when otherwise required by the Rules.

(2.) Any attempt by players of the side at bat, by calling

to a Fielder, other than the one designated by his Captain, to field a ball, or by any other equally disreputable means seeking to disconcert a Fielder.

(3.) Indecent or improper language addressed by a player to the audience, the Umpire, or any player. In any of these cases the Umpire should promptly fine the offending player.

(4.) The Rules make a marked distinction between hindrance of an adversary in fielding a batted or thrown ball. This has been done to rid the game of the childish excuses and claims formerly made by a Fielder failing to hold a ball to put out a Base Runner. But there may be cases of a Base Runner so flagrantly violating the spirit of the Rules and of the Game in obstructing a Fielder from fielding a thrown ball that it would become the duty of the Umpire, not only to declare the Base Runner "out" (and to compel any succeeding Base Runners to hold their bases), but also to impose a heavy fine upon him. For example: If the Base Runner plainly strike at the ball while passing him, to prevent its being caught by a Fielder; if he hold a fielder's arms so as to disable him from catching the ball, or if he knock the Fielder down for the same purpose.

(5.) In the case of a "Block," if the person not engaged in the game should retain possession of the ball, or throw or kick it beyond the reach of the Fielders the Umpire should call "Time" and require each base runner to stop at the last base touched by him until the ball be returned to the pitcher standing in his position.

(6.) The Umpire must call "Play" at the exact time advertised for beginning a game, and any player not then ready to take the position allotted him, must be promptly fined by the Umpire.

(7.) The Umpire is only allowed, by the Rules, to call "Time" in case of an accident to himself or a player, or in case of rain, as defined by the Rules. The practice of players suspending the game to discuss or contest a decision with the Umpire, is a gross violation of the Rules, and the Umpire should promptly fine any player who interrupts the game in this manner.

SCORING.

RULE 65. *In Order to Promote Uniformity in Scoring* Championship Games, the following instructions, suggestions and definitions are made for the benefit of scorers, and they are required to make all scores in accordance therewith.

BATTING.

(1.) The first item in the tabulated score, after the player's name and position, shall be the number of times he has been at

bat during the game. Any time or times where the player has been sent to base by being hit by a pitched ball or by the pitcher's illegal delivery, shall not be included in this column.

(2.) In the second column should be set down the runs made by each player.

(3.) In the third column should be placed the first base hits made by each player. A base hit should be scored in the following cases:

When the ball from the bat strikes the ground between the foul lines, and out of reach of the fielders.

When a hit ball is partially or wholly stopped by a fielder in motion, but such player cannot recover himself in time to handle the ball before the striker reaches First Base.

When the ball is hit so sharply to an infielder that he cannot handle it in time to put out a man. In case of doubt over this class of hits, score a base hit and exempt the fielder from the charge of an error.

When a ball is hit so slowly toward a fielder that he cannot handle it in time to put out a man.

When the batsman is awarded a base on balls.

BASE RUNNING.

(4.) In the fourth column shall be scored bases stolen, and shall include every base made after first base has been reached by a base runner, except those made by reason of, or with the aid of a "battery" error, or by batting, "balks" or by being forced off. In short, shall include all bases made by a "clean steal," or through a wild throw or muff of the ball by a fielder who is directly trying to put the base runner out while attempting to steal a base.

FIELDING.

(5.) The number of opponents put out by each player shall be set down in the fifth column. Where a striker is given out by the Umpire for a foul strike, or because he struck out of his turn, the put-out shall be scored to the Catcher.

(6.) The number of times the player assists shall be set down in the sixth column. An assist should be given to each player who handles the ball in assisting a run-out or other play of the kind.

An assist should be given to a player who makes a play in time to put a runner out, even if the player who should complete the play fails, through no fault of the player assisting.

And generally an assist should be given to each player who handles the ball from the time it leaves the bat until it reaches the player who makes the put-out, or in case of a thrown ball, to each player who throws or handles it cleanly, and in such a way that a

put-out results, or would result if no error were made by the receiver.

An assist shall be given the Pitcher when the Batsman fails to hit the ball on the fourth strike, and the same shall also be entered in the summary under the head of "struck out."

(7.) An error shall be given in the seventh column for each misplay which allows the striker or base-runner to make one or more bases, when perfect play would have insured his being put out; except that "wild pitches," "bases on called balls," "bases on the batsman being struck by a pitched ball," or case of illegal pitched ball, balks and passed balls, shall not be included in said column. In scoring errors off batted balls see Section 3 of this Rule.

RULE 66. The Summary shall contain:

- (1.) The number of earned runs made by each side.
- (2.) The number of two-base hits made by each player.
- (3.) The number of three-base hits made by each player.
- (4.) The number of home runs made by each player.
- (5.) The number of double and triple plays made by each side, with the names of the players assisting in the same.
- (6.) The number of men given bases on called balls, by each Pitcher.
- (7.) The number of men given bases from being hit by pitched balls.
- (8.) The number of passed balls by each Catcher.
- (9.) The number of wild pitches by each Pitcher.
- (10.) The time of game.
- (11.) The name of the Umpire.

AMENDMENTS.

RULE 67. *No Amendment or change of any of these National Playing Rules shall be made, except by a joint committee on rules consisting of three members from the National League and three members from the American Association. Such committee to be appointed at the annual meetings of each of said bodies to serve one year from the twentieth day of December of each year. Such committee shall have full power to act, provided that such amendments shall be made only by an affirmative vote of the majority of each delegation.*

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE NATIONAL LEAGUE OF PROFESSIONAL
BASE BALL CLUBS HELD AT THE TREMONT HOUSE, CHICAGO,
WEDNESDAY, AUG. 25, 1886.

Present:

- A. G. Spalding and W. I. Culver, representing the Chicago Ball Club.
G. H. Schmelz, and F. F. Espenshied, representing the St. Louis Athletic Association.
A. V. McKim and J. J. Heim, representing the Kansas City Base Ball Association.
J. A. Marsh and Jno. B. Molony, representing the Detroit Base Ball Association.
Frank L. Sandord, representing the Boston Base Ball Association.
Walter F. Hewett, representing the Washington National Base Ball Club.
James Mutrie, representing the New York Ball Club.

Meeting called to order by the President at 11 A. M.

MR. SCHMELZ submitted an amendment to the League Constitution permitting Sunday games, which was lost.

On motion, the Secretary was authorized and directed not to recognize contracts or releases until after the adjournment of this meeting.

On motion, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the President of the League be requested and authorized to appoint a committee of three representatives of League clubs, who shall be empowered to consider and determine all questions relative to the release and employment of players at present under contract with any League Club, the decision of such committee in all cases to be final; such committee to have the power, in case of the withdrawal of any club from the League, or in case of its expulsion, to provide for the apportionment of its players among the remaining League clubs as in the opinion of such committee the best interests of the League may require; the power and duties of such committee to continue until further action by the League. Each and every club of the League is hereby bound by the action of this meeting, and by this resolution, and in the event of its release of any player, such committee shall be the sole arbiter as to the club by whom such player may be employed. Such committee shall be and is hereby authorized and empowered, in the event of any club desiring to sell its franchise and contracts with players, to purchase the same and to play the players thereof in the same city, or any city, as they may deem for the best interests of the League, and all games

played by such club shall be considered and treated as League games, as though played under the present schedule, and count as championship games. In the event of any club disbanding, or withdrawing from the League, or forfeiting its membership therein, said committee shall have the power to dispose of its franchise and players, as in case of purchase thereof. Any action of such committee to be effectual, must be unanimous.

On motion, the President was requested to appoint Messrs. Spalding, Day and Molony as such committee, which request was subsequently complied with and the gentlemen named duly appointed to constitute the committee under the above resolution.

No further business appearing, on motion adjourned.

N. E. YOUNG,

Pres. and Sec'y.

MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE NATIONAL LEAGUE OF PROFESSIONAL BASE BALL CLUBS HELD AT THE TREMONT HOUSE, CHICAGO, ILL., WEDNESDAY, NOV. 17, 1886.

Meeting called to order at 11 A. M.

Present:

N. E. Young, Chairman, and Messrs. Jno. B. Day, A. H. Soden, F. K. Stearns and Wm. Stromberg, Directors.

The Secretary presented a tabular statement of championship games won and lost during the season of 1886.

On motion, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the Chicago Ball Club of Chicago, Ill., having won the greatest percentage of games in the championship series, is hereby awarded the League championship of the United States for the year 1886.

The report of the Treasurer was received and accepted.

MR. N. E. YOUNG was re-elected Secretary.

MR. HERMAN DOSCHER presented an appeal for reinstatement.

On motion, the disabilities of Mr. Doscher were removed.

Upon the unanimous request of the Board of Directors, the charges of the Chicago Club vs. A. A. Irwin were withdrawn.

On motion, adjourned.

N. E. YOUNG, <i>Chairman</i> A. H. SODEN, JNO. B. DAY, F. K. STEARNS, WM. STROMBERG,	} <i>Directors.</i>
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ANNUAL MEETING OF THE NATIONAL LEAGUE OF PROFESSIONAL
BASE BALL CLUBS HELD AT THE TREMONT HOUSE, CHICAGO,
ILL., WEDNESDAY, Nov. 17, 1886.

Present :

- Jno. I. Rogers and A. J. Reach, representing the Philadelphia Ball Club.
A. G. Spalding and W. I. Culver, representing the Chicago Ball Club.
Jno. B. Day, representing the New York Ball Club.
F. K. Stearns, representing the Detroit Base Ball Association.
A. H. Soden and W. H. Conant, representing the Boston Base Ball Association.
J. J. Heim and E. E. Mengis, representing the Kansas City Base Ball Association.
Wm. Stromberg and Thos. A. Russel, representing the St. Louis Athletic Association.
R. C. Hewett and W. F. Hewett, representing the Washington National Base Ball Club.

Meeting called to order by the President at 1 P. M.

On motion, the reading of the minutes of the last meeting was dispensed with.

The report of the Board of Directors was received and accepted.

On motion, a committee of three was appointed with full power to confer with the Pittsburg Club and arrange for their admission as League members.

The Chair appointed Jno. B. Day, A. G. Spalding and Jno. I. Rogers as such committee.

On motion, adjourned until 3 P. M.

Meeting called to order at 3 P. M.

The committee appointed to confer with the Pittsburgh Club reported that that organization applied for League membership. The report of the committee was accepted, and upon a ballot being passed, the Pittsburg Club was unanimously elected, and Messrs. W. A. Nimick and A. K. Scandrett were duly admitted as the representatives of that organization.

On motion, the rules were suspended for the purpose of considering Playing Rules which were unanimously adopted as per

report of Joint Committee on National Playing Rules. (See National Playing Rules).

On motion, adjourned to 10 A. M. on the following day.

THURSDAY, NOV. 18, 1886.

Meeting called to order at 11 A. M.

The committee appointed at the special meeting held Aug. 25, 1886, having control over the release of players, etc., submitted their report, which on motion was accepted and the committee discharged.

The League Constitution was amended as follows: (See Constitution.)

On motion, the Board of Directors were requested to approve any additional sum paid to umpires by the Secretary.

MR. N. E. YOUNG was re-elected President.

The following named gentlemen were elected Directors, viz.: W. A. Nimick, E. E. Mengis, Jno. B. Day and A. J. Reach.

The following named gentlemen were elected members of the Schedule Committee, viz.: A. G. Spalding, F. K. Stearns and A. J. Reach.

On motion, the Schedule Committee was requested to confer with a similar committee from the American Association.

On motion, the present members of the Arbitration Committee —viz.: N. E. Young, Jno. I. Rogers and Jno. B. Day—were continued for one year.

On motion, Messrs. A. G. Spalding, Jno. I. Rogers and Jno. B. Day were continued as members of the Joint Committee on Playing Rules until Dec. 20, 1887:

On motion, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the League elect a committee of three representatives of League clubs, who shall be empowered to consider and determine all questions relative to the release and employment of players under contract with any League club which the committee unanimously consider in danger of probable disbandment, the decision of such committee in all cases to be final; such committee to have the power, in case of the withdrawal of any club from the League, or in case of its expulsion, to provide for the apportionment of its players among the remaining League clubs as in the opinion of such committee the best interests of the League

may require; the power and duties of such committee to continue until their successors are elected at the next annual meeting. Each and every club of the League is hereby bound by the action of this meeting and by this resolution, and in the event of its release of any player, such committee shall be the sole arbiter as to the club by whom such player may be employed. Such committee shall be, and is hereby authorized and empowered, in the event of any club desiring to sell its franchise and contracts with players, to purchase the same and to play the players thereof in the same city, or any city, as they may deem for the best interests of the League, and all games played by such club shall be considered and treated as League games, as though played under the regular schedule, and count as championship games. In the event of any club disbanding or withdrawing from the League, or forfeiting its membership therein, said committee shall have the power to dispose of its franchise and players, as in case of purchase thereof. Any action of such committee to be effectual, must be unanimous.

Messrs. N. E. Young, A. G. Spalding and Jno. B. Day were elected to constitute the committee under the above resolution.

On motion, the contract for printing was awarded to Jno. B. Sage of Buffalo, N. Y.

On motion, the publication of the League Book was left in the hands of the Secretary.

It was moved and seconded that when this annual meeting adjourns, it adjourn to meet subject to the call of the President in the spring. Carried.

On motion, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the next annual meeting be held in New York City.

On motion, the special agreement made with the Washington Club was continued for one year, and the President authorized to sign said agreement on the part of the League.

On motion, adjourned.

N. E. YOUNG,
Pres. and Sec'y.

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE NATIONAL LEAGUE OF PROFESSIONAL
BASE BALL CLUBS HELD AT THE FIFTH AVENUE HOTEL, NEW
YORK CITY, MONDAY, MARCH 7, 1887.

Present:

- A. G. Spalding and J. W. Spalding, representing the Chicago Ball Club.
Jno. B. Day and C. T. Dillingham, representing the New York Ball Club.
Jno. I. Rogers, representing the Philadelphia Ball Club.
F. K. Stearns, representing the Detroit Base Ball Association.
A. H. Soden and W. H. Conant, representing the Boston Base Ball Association.
W. Clough, representing the Kansas City Base Ball Association.
W. A. Nimick and A. K. Scandrett, representing the Allegheny Base Ball Association.
B. J. Fine and Wm. Stromberg, representing the St. Louis League Base Ball Co.
R. C. Hewett and Walter F. Hewett, representing the Washington National Base Ball Club.

Meeting called to order at 12 o'clock noon.

On motion the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting was dispensed with.

The Special Committee elected at the last meeting, to "consider and determine all questions relative to the release and employment of players," etc., submitted their report, which, on motion, was received and accepted.

On motion the regular order of business was suspended for the purpose of considering miscellaneous business.

MR. SODEN asked for a declaration from the St. Louis Club in relation to their remaining in the League.

MR. B. J. FINE, representing St. Louis, stated that unless they were conceded the right and privilege of playing Sunday championship games that they could not go through the season without losing money, and as they were satisfied that this concession would not be made they did not propose to continue their membership in the League.

Mr. F. also stated that they had received a very liberal offer from Kansas City for their franchise and players, and they were desirous that the League should ratify and sanction the sale.

MR. CLOUGH, representing Kansas City, stated that unless they were permitted to strengthen their nine by the purchase of St. Louis players, that they did not propose to continue their membership.

On motion the Special Committee, consisting of Messrs. Young, Day and Spalding, was instructed to confer with representatives from St. Louis, Kansas City and Indianapolis, and submit their report with such recommendations as they may be pleased to make.

On motion adjourned to meet at 10 A. M. on the following day.

TUESDAY, MARCH 8, 1887.

Meeting called to order at 10 A. M., and on motion adjourned to meet at 3 P. M.

Meeting called to order at 3 P. M.

The Special Committee submitted their report, which, on motion, was accepted and approved.

On motion the regular order of business was resumed.

The Secretary presented the application of the Indianapolis Base Ball Association for League membership. Upon a ballot being passed they were unanimously elected, and Messrs. Louis Newberger and J. H. Martin were duly admitted as the representatives of that organization, and the signed agreement adopted and approved by the League.

In case of the official release by the Secretary of Messrs. Radford, Arundel, Callender, Toohy and Cahill, all League clubs agreed to waive their rights to accept their services.

The President was authorized and instructed to accept the resignations of the St. Louis and Kansas City Clubs when officially received, the same to take effect from the date of promulgation.

MR. DAY moved that the proposition received from Kansas City be not accepted. Carried.

On motion adjourned to meet at 9 A. M. on the following day.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 9, 1887.

Meeting called to order at 9 A. M.

The Special Committee reported that Kansas City Club had accepted the League's original proposition.

The report of Committee was accepted.

Mr. F. K. Stearns was elected a League director to fill a prospective vacancy.

The Schedule Committee submitted their report, which was adopted.

The Pittsburg Club was, on motion, granted the same privilege accorded to Washington—that of selling three tickets for one dollar.

On motion the Secretary was instructed to furnish the *Daily Base Ball Gazette* with all official communications intended for publication.

The Secretary was also instructed to furnish the following weekly papers with such communications, viz.: *Sportsman's Referee*, Pittsburg, Pa., *Sporting Life*, Philadelphia, Pa., *Sporting Times*, New York, and *Sporting News*, St. Louis.

The following resolution was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That on any vacant dates in the championship season the home club be permitted to play any championship games scheduled for other dates with other League clubs, or exhibition games with any non-League clubs, if said dates are not required for postponed championship games.

No further business appearing, on motion, adjourned.

N. E. YOUNG,

Pres. and Sec.

OFFICERS AND PLAYERS.

The following is an official list of the Officers of the National League of Professional Base Ball Clubs, and Officers and Players of Clubs, members thereof, for the season of 1887, so far as completed to March 10, 1887:

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Jos. Hornung,	Jno. F. Morrill,	E. C. Tate,
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J. G. Clarkson,	Louis Hardie,	W. A. Sunday,
Thos. Daily,	E. N. Williamson,	M. C. Sullivan.

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MICH.

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Chas. W. Ganzell, Jas. H. Manning, F. W. Smith,
Chas. W. Bennett, Thos. J. Gillen, J. C. Rowe,
S. L. Thompson, Peter J. Conway, Ed. Hanlon,
Hardy Richardson, L. Twitchell, Fred. Dunlap,
Chas. Briody, Jas. L. White, D. Brouthers,
Chas. Getzein.

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P. Gillespie,	M. J. Mattimore,	W. S. Roberts,
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Jno. Farrell,	H. O'Day,	Frank Gilmore,
Geo. Shock.		

THE INDIANAPOLIS BASE BALL ASSOCIATION.

THE LEAGUE AVERAGES FOR 1886.

The following are the official averages of the players of the eight League Clubs for 1886, giving the names of players who took part in fifteen championship contests or more during the season.

BATTING AVERAGES.

Rank.	Name.	Club.	Games Played.	Times at Bat.	Runs Scored.	Ave. per Game.	First Base Hits	Percentage.	Total Bases.	Ave. per Game.	Bases Stolen.
1	Kelly.....	Chicago.....	118	451	155	1.31	175	.388	234	1.98	53
2	Anson.....	".....	125	504	117	0.93	187	.371	259	2.07	29
3	Brouthers.....	Detroit.....	121	489	139	1.14	181	.370	284	2.34	91
4	Connor.....	New York.....	118	485	105	0.9	172	.354	246	2.08	17
5	Richardson.....	Detroit.....	125	538	125	1.00	189	.351	271	2.17	43
6	Glasscock.....	St. Louis.....	121	486	96	0.79	158	.325	196	1.6	38
7	Hines.....	Washington.....	121	487	80	0.66	152	.312	216	1.78	21
8	Thompson.....	Detroit.....	122	503	106	1.02	136	.309	172	1.65	14
9	{ O'Rourke.....	New York.....	104	440	106	1.02	136	.306	142	1.69	10
	Ewing.....	".....	70	275	59	0.84	85	.309	113	1.61	18
10	Ryan.....	Chicago.....	94	327	58	0.69	100	.306	142	1.69	10
11	Gore.....	".....	118	444	150	1.27	135	.304	193	1.63	23
12	Rowe.....	Detroit.....	111	48	97	0.87	142	.303	197	1.77	12
13	McKinnon.....	St. Louis.....	122	491	75	0.61	148	.301	189	1.55	10
14	Shock.....	Washington.....	26	95	11	0.42	28	.294	34	1.30	2
15	{ Fogarty.....	Philadelphia.....	76	280	54	0.71	82	.292	112	1.47	30
	Dorgan.....	New York.....	118	442	61	0.51	129	.292	157	1.33	9
	Wise.....	Boston.....	96	387	71	0.74	112	.289	156	1.62	31
16	Bufinton.....	".....	44	176	27	0.61	51	.289	58	1.31	3
	White.....	Detroit.....	124	491	65	0.52	142	.289	171	1.38	9
17	Dunlap.....	St. L & Det.....	122	48	83	0.68	137	.284	184	1.70	20
18	Nash.....	Boston.....	109	417	61	0.56	117	.280	149	1.36	16
19	Stemmyer.....	".....	41	148	2	0.58	41	.277	47	1.15	3
	{ Myers.....	Kansas City.....	118	473	69	0.59	131	.276	163	1.38	3
20	Sutton.....	Boston.....	116	499	83	0.71	188	.276	178	1.53	18
	Burns.....	Chicago.....	111	445	64	0.57	123	.276	167	1.50	15
21	{ Wood.....	Philadelphia.....	106	450	81	0.76	123	.273	183	1.72	9
	Ward.....	New York.....	122	491	82	0.67	134	.273	161	1.32	36
22	Gillespie.....	".....	98	396	65	0.66	108	.272	131	1.33	17
	Ganzell.....	Detroit.....	54	213	28	0.51	58	.272	71	1.31	5
23	Mulvey.....	Philadelphia.....	105	430	71	0.67	115	.267	157	1.49	27
24	Deasley.....	New York.....	58	143	16	0.47	38	.265	45	1.18	2
25	Esterbrook.....	".....	123	473	62	0.50	125	.264	160	1.30	18
26	Pfeffer.....	Chicago.....	119	474	88	0.74	125	.263	183	1.53	30
27	Poorman.....	Boston.....	88	371	72	0.82	97	.261	132	1.50	31
28	Basseit.....	Kansas City.....	90	342	41	0.45	89	.260	107	1.19	6
	Hornung.....	Boston.....	94	424	67	0.71	109	.257	130	1.38	16
29	{ Denny.....	St. Louis.....	119	475	58	0.48	122	.257	169	1.42	16
30	Kreig.....	Washington.....	27	98	10	0.37	25	.255	37	1.37	2
31	Ferguson.....	Philadelphia.....	71	261	56	0.78	66	.252	80	1.12	9
32	{ Sweeney.....	St. Louis.....	17	64	4	0.23	16	.250	17	1.00	0
	Boyle.....	".....	30	108	8	0.26	27	.250	39	1.00	0

64 LEAGUE BATTING AVERAGES—CONTINUED.

BATTING RECORD.—Continued.

Rank.	Name.	Club.	Games Played.	Times at Bat.	Runs Scored.	Ave. per Game.	First Base Hits.	Percentage.	Total Bases.	Ave. per Game.	Bases Stolen.
33	Andrews...	Philadelphia.	106	437	93	0.87	109	.249	136	1.28	56
34	Farrar...	"	118	439	55	0.46	109	.248	151	1.28	10
35	McQuery...	Kansas City..	122	449	62	0.51	111	.247	140	1.14	4
36	Morrill...	Boston.....	117	430	86	0.73	106	.246	156	1.33	9
37	Sunday...	Chicago....	25	103	16	0.64	25	.242	30	1.20	10
	Bennett...	Detroit....	69	235	37	0.53	57	.242	85	1.23	4
38	Rowe...	Kansas City	105	429	53	0.50	103	.240	121	1.15	2
	Whitney...	"	67	247	25	0.37	59	.239	73	1.09	5
39	Daily...	Boston.....	50	180	25	0.50	43	.239	50	1.00	2
40	Johnston...	"	109	413	48	0.44	99	.239	128	1.17	11
41	Seery...	St. Louis....	126	453	73	0.58	108	.238	135	1.07	24
42	Briody...	Kansas City	55	215	14	0.25	51	.237	61	1.11	0
	Radbourne...	Boston.....	66	253	30	0.45	60	.237	71	1.07	5
43	McCormick...	Chicago....	42	174	17	0.40	41	.235	54	1.28	1
	Conway...	Kan. C. & Det	62	234	33	0.53	55	.235	73	1.17	3
44	Hanlon...	Detroit....	126	494	105	0.83	116	.234	147	1.16	50
45	Clarkson...	Chicago....	55	210	21	0.38	49	.233	67	1.22	2
	Irwin...	Philadelphia.	101	373	51	0.50	87	.233	104	1.03	24
46	Ringo...	Kansas City	16	56	6	0.37	13	.232	17	1.06	0
	Dalrymple...	Chicago....	82	331	62	0.75	77	.232	108	1.31	16
47	Quinn...	St. Louis....	75	271	33	0.44	63	.232	80	1.06	12
	Richardson...	New York....	64	237	43	0.67	55	.232	64	1.00	12
48	Radford...	Kansas City	122	493	78	0.63	113	.229	128	1.06	39
49	Start...	Washington	29	122	10	0.34	27	.229	31	1.07	4
	Carroll...	"	111	433	73	0.65	99	.228	126	1.13	31
50	McGeachy...	Det. & St. L.	65	254	34	0.52	58	.228	80	1.23	10
	Tate...	Boston.....	31	106	13	0.42	24	.226	28	0.40	0
51	Daily...	Philadelphia.	78	309	40	0.51	70	.226	101	1.29	23
	Farrell...	Phil. & Wash	65	231	32	0.49	42	.225	82	1.26	13
52	Gunning...	Boston.....	27	98	15	0.55	22	.224	27	1.00	3
	Baker...	Washington.	81	325	37	0.45	72	.221	89	1.09	16
53	Cusick...	Philadelphia.	27	104	10	0.36	23	.221	30	1.11	1
	Bastian...	"	104	373	46	0.44	81	.217	118	1.13	29
54	Hackett...	Kansas City	62	230	18	0.29	10	.217	64	1.03	1
	Burdock...	Boston.....	59	221	26	0.44	48	.217	54	0.91	3
55	Williamson...	Chicago....	121	430	69	0.57	93	.216	142	1.17	13
	Welch...	New York....	59	213	17	0.28	46	.216	54	0.91	3
56	Houck...	Washington.	51	195	14	0.27	42	.215	49	0.96	4
	Knowles...	"	115	443	44	0.38	94	.212	142	1.23	20
57	Clements...	Philadelphia.	54	185	15	0.28	38	.205	45	0.88	4
	Flint...	Chicago....	49	173	30	0.61	35	.202	47	0.96	1
58	Donnelly...	Kansas City	113	438	51	0.45	88	.201	98	0.86	16
	Baldwin...	Detroit....	57	204	25	0.43	41	.201	52	0.91	3
59	Flynn...	Chicago....	56	205	40	0.71	41	.200	62	1.10	9
	Cahill...	St. Louis....	125	463	43	0.34	92	.198	118	0.94	16
60	McGuire...	Philadelphia.	48	167	25	0.52	33	.197	48	1.00	2
	Gerhardt...	New York....	123	426	44	0.35	81	.190	102	0.83	8
61	Gilligan...	Washington	82	273	23	0.28	52	.190	63	0.75	6
	Myers...	St. Louis....	78	295	26	0.33	56	.189	68	0.87	6
62	Corcoran...	Washington	21	81	9	0.42	15	.185	19	0.90	3
	Manning...	Detroit....	26	97	14	0.54	18	.185	26	1.00	7

BATTING RECORD—*Continued.*

Rank.	Name.	Club.	Games Played.	Times at Bat.	Runs Scored.	Ave. per Game.	First Base Hits.	Percentage.	Total Bases.	Ave. per Game.	Bases Stolen.
65	Hayes.....	Washington..	26	87	26	.27	16	.184	26	1.00	0
66	Force.....	".....	68	242	36	.38	44	.181	50	.73	1
67	Hardie.....	Chicago.....	16	51	4	.25	9	.176	9	0.56	0
	Getzein.....	Detroit.....	43	165	14	.32	29	.176	40	0.93	3
68	Lillie.....	Kansas City..	114	416	37	.32	73	.175	78	0.68	13
69	Crane.....	Washington..	80	292	20	.25	50	.171	65	0.81	8
70	Keefe.....	New York....	64	205	26	.40	35	.170	48	0.75	3
71	Weidman.....	Kansas City..	51	179	13	.25	30	.167	30	0.58	3
72	Barr.....	Washington..	22	79	6	.27	13	.164	15	0.68	0
73	Oldfield.....	".....	19	63	2	.10	10	.158	11	0.58	0
74	Crane.....	St. L. & Det..	86	301	34	.39	46	.153	58	0.67	14
75	Graves.....	St. Louis....	41	138	7	.17	21	.152	23	0.56	11
	Casey.....	Philadelphia..	44	151	11	.25	23	.152	29	0.66	0
76	Gladmon.....	Washington..	44	152	17	.38	21	.138	35	0.79	5
77	Kirby.....	St. Louis....	41	136	10	.24	15	.110	18	0.44	0
78	Healy.....	".....	42	145	10	.23	14	.096	16	0.38	0
79	Shaw.....	Washington..	44	148	13	.29	13	.087	15	0.34	0

FIELDING AVERAGES

Of League players who have taken part in fifteen or more championship games, season of 1886.

FIRST BASEMEN.

Rank.	NAME.	CLUB.	Games Played.	Number Put Out.	Times Assisting.	Fielding Errors.	Total Chances.	Percentage Accepted.
1	Farrar.....	Philadelphia.....	118	1220	45	26	1291	.979
2	Kreig.....	Washington.....	27	227	5	6	238	.975
3	Connor.....	New York.....	118	1164	65	34	1263	.973
4	Start.....	Washington.....	29	1348	7	10	365	.972
5	McQuery.....	Kansas City.....	122	1295	50	43	1388	.969
6	Brouthers.....	Detroit.....	121	1256	27	42	1325	.968
7	Buffinton.....	Boston.....	19	176	4	6	186	.968
8	Baker.....	Washington.....	56	567	13	20	600	.966
9	Morrill.....	Boston.....	41	396	24	16	436	.963
10	McKinon.....	St. Louis.....	119	1170	35	46	1251	.963
11	Anson.....	Chicago.....	121	1188	66	48	1302	.963
12	Wise.....	Boston.....	57	527	17	25	569	.956

SECOND BASEMEN.

1	Bastian.....	Philadelphia.....	86	157	286	28	469	.944
2	Richardson.....	Detroit.....	37	103	118	14	235	.940
3	Dunlap.....	St. Louis & Detroit.....	122	342	401	55	798	.931
4	Gerhardt.....	New York.....	123	340	355	57	752	.924
5	Myers.....	Kansas City.....	118	298	384	65	747	.913
6	Crane.....	St. Louis & Detroit.....	77	196	214	41	451	.909
7	Pfeffer.....	Chicago.....	119	343	340	73	756	.903
8	Burdock.....	Boston.....	59	145	165	33	343	.903
9	Farrell.....	Phila. & Wash.....	65	132	191	35	358	.902
10	Knowles.....	Washington.....	62	196	224	47	467	.899
11	Morrill.....	Boston.....	20	47	63	16	126	.873
12	Sutton.....	".....	18	44	52	14	110	.872
13	Wise.....	".....	20	41	44	15	100	.850
	Quinn.....	St. Louis.....	15	33	32	14	79	.822

THIRD BASEMEN.

1	Denny.....	St. Louis.....	117	182	270	53	505	.895
	Esterbrook.....	New York.....	123	148	219	43	410	.895
2	Burns.....	Chicago.....	111	149	247	49	445	.889
3	Mulvey.....	Philadelphia.....	105	99	191	40	330	.878
4	Sutton.....	Boston.....	28	34	63	14	111	.874
5	Nash.....	".....	90	137	177	50	364	.862
6	Knowles.....	Washington.....	53	68	122	34	224	.848
7	White.....	Detroit.....	124	131	245	68	444	.847
8	Donnelly.....	Kansas City.....	113	153	245	73	471	.845
9	Gladmon.....	Washington.....	44	53	74	26	158	.830
10	Hines.....	".....	15	33	33	14	80	.825

SHORT STOPS.

Rank.	NAME.	CLUB.	Games Played.	Number Put Out.	Times Assisting.	Fielding Errors.	Total Chances.	Percentage Accepted.
1	Force.....	Washington.....	56	58	211	27	296	.908
2	Glasscock.....	St. Louis.....	120	156	392	57	605	.906
3	Morrill.....	Boston.....	54	92	156	29	277	.895
4	Irwin.....	Philadelphia.....	101	137	322	56	515	.891
5	Bassett.....	Kansas City.....	82	120	277	51	448	.886
6	Sutton.....	Boston.....	27	29	84	15	128	.883
7	Rowe.....	Detroit.....	109	86	310	54	450	.880
8	Williamson.....	Chicago.....	121	161	355	78	594	.868
9	Ward.....	New York.....	122	91	369	69	529	.868
10	Radford.....	Kansas City.....	30	52	107	26	185	.8 .9
11	Houck.....	Washington.....	50	58	159	36	253	.857
12	Nash.....	Boston.....	17	23	40	11	74	.851
	Wise.....	".....	18	24	39	15	78	.807

FIELDERS.

1	Baker.....	Washington.....	21	31	0	0	31	1,000
2	Fogarty.....	Philadelphia.....	56	114	9	6	129	.953
3	Dalrymple.....	Chicago.....	82	126	15	7	148	.952
4	Richardson.....	New York.....	58	94	7	5	106	.951
5	Hornung.....	Boston.....	94	187	12	11	210	.947
	Manning.....	Detroit.....	26	32	4	2	38	.947
6	Thompson.....	".....	122	194	29	13	236	.945
7	Ewing.....	New York.....	20	27	4	2	33	.939
8	Hanlon.....	Detroit.....	125	205	18	17	240	.929
9	O'Rourke.....	New York.....	58	101	11	9	121	.925
10	Sunday.....	Chicago.....	25	50	3	5	58	.914
11	Wood.....	Philadelphia.....	96	148	13	17	178	.904
12	Poorman.....	Boston.....	88	145	21	18	184	.902
	Andrews.....	Philadelphia.....	103	189	24	23	236	.902
13	Gillespie.....	New York.....	98	121	6	14	141	.900
14	Richardson.....	Detroit.....	81	131	21	17	169	.899
15	Hines.....	Washington.....	90	167	19	21	207	.898
16	Ferguson.....	Philadelphia.....	29	39	4	5	48	.895
17	Flinn.....	Chicago.....	24	15	2	2	19	.894
	Quinn.....	St. Louis.....	48	89	13	12	114	.894
18	Johnston.....	Boston.....	109	243	29	33	305	.891
19	Radford.....	Kansas City.....	91	125	29	19	173	.890
20	Dorgan.....	New York.....	116	153	13	21	187	.887
21	Lillie.....	Kansas City.....	114	199	30	30	259	.884
22	Shock.....	Washington.....	25	28	2	4	34	.882
	Seery.....	St. Louis.....	126	176	20	26	222	.882
23	McGeachy.....	Detroit & St. Louis.	61	88	19	15	122	.877
24	Gore.....	Chicago.....	118	184	20	29	233	.875
25	Cahill.....	St. Louis.....	122	166	34	31	231	.866
26	Crane.....	Washington.....	68	107	16	19	142	.866
	Carroll.....	".....	111	153	22	28	203	.862

68 LEAGUE FIELDING AVERAGES—CONTINUED.

FIELDERS' AVERAGES—Continued.

Rank.	NAME.	CLUB.	Games Played.	Number Put Out.	Times Assisting.	Fielding Errors.	Total Chances.	Percentage Accepted.
27	Sutton.....	Boston.....	43	74	5	13	92	.858
28	Rowe.....	Kansas City.....	90	154	11	29	194	.840
29	Whitney.....	".....	20	18	9	5	32	.843
30	Ryan.....	Chicago.....	67	93	18	23	131	.829
31	Daily.....	Philadelphia.....	52	88	17	22	127	.827
32	Conway.....	Kan. City & Detroit.	32	54	8	13	75	.826
33	Kelly.....	Chicago.....	54	62	24	2	106	.811

CATCHERS' AVERAGES.

Rank.	NAME.	CLUB.	Games Played.	Number Put Out.	Times Assisting.	Fielding Errors.	Passed Balls.	Total Chances.	Percentage Accepted.
1	Bennett.....	Detroit.....	67	425	84	24	25	558	.912
2	Clements.....	Philadelphia.....	48	318	52	28	30	428	.864
3	Briody.....	Kansas City.....	53	258	95	31	29	413	.854
4	Ewing.....	New York.....	48	270	91	31	31	423	.853
5	Gilligan.....	Washington.....	71	358	101	37	48	544	.843
6	Ganzell.....	Detroit.....	42	274	63	33	30	400	.842
7	O'Rourke.....	New York.....	44	250	83	19	48	400	.832
8	Kelly.....	Chicago.....	46	259	94	28	46	427	.826
9	{ Myers.....	St. Louis.....	71	368	80	35	63	548	.817
	Flint.....	Chicago.....	49	300	93	47	41	481	.817
10	Daily.....	Philadelphia.....	49	264	55	31	42	392	.813
11	McGuire.....	".....	47	298	50	39	44	431	.807
12	Deasley.....	New York.....	26	147	38	15	29	2 9	.797
13	Tate.....	Boston.....	31	163	44	27	26	260	.796
14	Cusick.....	Philadelphia.....	22	130	35	19	21	195	.795
15	Hackett.....	Kansas City.....	50	252	63	25	66	406	.775
16	Gunning.....	Boston.....	27	162	47	23	34	246	.760
17	Graves.....	St. Louis.....	39	223	76	39	81	419	.713

BATTING AND FIELDING.

Record of Clubs, Members of the National League of Professional B. B. Clubs.

SEASON OF 1886.

NAME OF CLUB.		Rank.
		Games Played.
		Games Won.
		Times at Bat.
		Runs Scored.
		Average per Game.
		Runs Earned.
		Average per Game.
		First Base.
		Percentage.
		Total Bases.
		Average per Game.
		Bases Stolen.
		Average per Game.
		Number Put Out.
		Times Assisting.
		Fielding Errors.
		Passed Balls, Wild Pitches.
		Total Chances.
		Percentage Accepted.
1 Chicago.....	126	90
2 Detroit.....	126	87
3 New York.....	124	75
4 Philadelphia.....	119	40
5 Boston.....	118	56
6 St. Louis.....	126	43
7 Kansas City.....	123	30
Washington.....	122	25
Total.....	984	477
	33976	5184
	5.27	2.05
	2.24	.8221
	.250	.250
	11167	11.34
	1338	1.35
	25512	16131
	5778	1717
		49140
		.847

PITCHERS' RECORD IN ALPHABETICAL ORDER.

NAME.	CLUB.	GAMES PLAYED.	TIMES AT BAT OF OPPONENTS.	RUNNS SCORED BY OPPONENTS.	AVERAGE PER GAME.	FIRST BASE HITS MADE BY OPPONENTS.	PERCENTAGE.	NUMBER PUT OUT.	TIMES ASSISTING.	FIELDING ERRORS.	WILD PITCHES.	TOTAL CHANCES.	PERCENTAGE ACCEPTED.
Baldwin.....	Detroit.....	24	1816	3,57	.88	1.55	.386	200	416	108	25	566	.715
Bovie.....	St. Louis.....	21	969	4,91	.45	1.47	.194	223	8	89	50	12	.608
Buhrton.....	Boston.....	17	633	3,32	.76	69	4.06	196	300	77	42	9	.616
Burr.....	Washington.....	22	802	154	7.00	69	3.13	217	275	6	116	58	.583
Conway.....	K. C. & Det.	31	1130	212	6.84	99	3.19	302	267	7	161	89	.589
Casey.....	Philadelphia.....	42	1460	165	3.92	66	1.57	325	222	17	277	111	.603
Clarkson.....	Chicago.....	53	1802	230	4.34	10	1.88	400	222	25	285	94	.675
Dally.....	Philadelphia.....	26	918	130	5.00	63	2.42	226	246	10	154	60	.714
Flynn.....	Chicago.....	32	1059	144	4.50	43	1.34	234	221	25	204	74	.709
Ferguson.....	Philadelphia.....	43	1432	138	3.21	65	1.51	309	215	33	292	73	.702
Getzein.....	Detroit.....	43	1530	205	4.76	97	2.25	382	246	16	226	90	.687
Healy.....	St. Louis.....	41	1373	216	5.02	70	1.70	326	237	6	190	129	.744
Kirby.....	".....	38	1280	209	5.50	68	1.79	315	250	14	125	138	.515
Keefe.....	New York.....	63	2061	285	4.01	104	1.65	477	231	29	401	112	.429
McCormick.....	Chicago.....	39	1314	163	4.18	78	2.00	250	19	326	106	11	.385
Radbourn.....	Boston.....	57	2007	288	5.05	119	2.08	512	255	39	311	115	.694
Shaw.....	Washington.....	43	1502	214	4.97	103	2.39	373	248	13	239	94	.720
Stemyer.....	Boston.....	41	1375	916	5.31	80	1.95	302	216	6	363	17	.694
Whitney.....	Kansas City.....	46	1728	322	7.00	145	3.15	484	280	20	263	119	.606
Welchman.....	".....	49	1773	314	6.41	156	3.18	532	300	25	247	135	.614
Welch.....	New York.....	58	1977	281	4.81	116	2.00	546	261	19	332	188	.598

THE LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP RECORD.

FROM 1876 TO 1884 INCLUSIVE.

The record of the League championship contest each season from 1876—the year the League was organized—to 1884 inclusive, presents a very interesting array of statistics showing the varying features of the several clubs which have entered the League arena within the past nine years. This year completes the first decade in the history of the League organization, and the record of the full period will make up an exceedingly interesting history of professional ball playing in the palmiest days of its history.

In the inaugural year of the League eight clubs entered the lists for championship, the clubs represented being Boston, Hartford, New York, and Philadelphia in the East, and Chicago, Cincinnati, Louisville and St. Louis in the West. The record for that year gave the championship to the Chicago Club, as will be seen by the appended table.

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THE CHAMPIONSHIP RECORD FOR 1876.

	Chicago.	Hartford.	St. Louis.	Boston.	Louisville.	Mutual.	Athletic.	Cincinnati.	Games Played.	Games Lost.	Games Won.
Chicago..	6	4	9	9	7	7	10	66	14	52	
Hartford.	4	4	6	6	6	9	68	19	21	47	
St. Louis.....	6	6	5	5	5	8	64	31	39		
Boston.....	2	4	2	2	3	4	70	36	30		
Louisville.....	1	1	5	3	5	6	66	35	21		
Mutual.....	1	4	0	1	3	3	56	35	14		
Athletic.....	1	1	2	0	2	1	59	45	9		
Cincinnati.....	0	1	2	0	2	3	65	56			
Games Lost.....	14	21	19	31	36	35	45	56	514	257	257

In 1877 the Mutual Club of New York and the Athletic of Philadelphia were not among the contestants, owing to their failure to fulfill their scheduled engagements of the previous season; and consequently only five clubs of the eight which entered the lists in 1876 took part in the championship campaign of 1877. This year Boston went to the front again while Chicago had to be content with the rear rank position, as will be seen by the appended record.

THE RECORD FOR 1877.

	Boston.	Louisville.	Hartford.	St. Louis.	Chicago.	Games Played.	Games Lost.	Games Won.
Boston.....	8	7	6	6	10	48	17	31
Louisville.....	4	6	5	10	8	48	20	28
Hartford.....	5	6	5	5	8	48	24	24
St. Louis.....	6	2	4	4	4	48	29	19
Chicago	2	4	7	8	...	48	30	18
Games Lost.....	17	20	24	29	30	120	120	

In 1878 only six clubs took part in the season's campaign as in 1877; but Providence took the place of Hartford. Indianapolis filled Louisville's place, and Milwaukee that of St. Louis. Once more the championship honors were held by Boston, while Chicago pulled up to a better position than they held in 1877, as the appended record shows:

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THE RECORD FOR 1878.

	Boston.	Cincinnati.	Providence.	Chicago.	Indianapolis.	Milwaukee.	B.ston.	Cincinnati.	Providence.	Chicago.	Indianapolis.	Milwaukee.	Games Played.	Games Lost.	Games Won.
Boston.....	6	6	6	8	10	10	6	9	8	4	10	11	38	23	41
Cincinnati.....	6	6	3	6	6	6	6	6	6	4	10	8	38	27	37
Providence.....	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	10	8	38	30	33
Chicago.....	4	2	6	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	10	6	60	30	30
Indianapolis.....	2	8	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	8	8	60	36	24
Milwaukee.....	1	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	360	45	15
Games Lost.....	19	23	27	30	36	45	30	36	45	360	180	180			

In 1879 eight clubs once more entered the lists for the League championship, and this number was finally fixed upon as the maximum of membership of the National League. In the place of Indianapolis and Milwaukee, Buffalo and Cleveland entered the race, while two new members were taken in from Syracuse and Troy. It was in this year that George Wright left the Boston Club and became the manager of the rival club of that city from Providence, and he signalized the event by winning the pennant from Boston for the Providence Club, the Stars of Syracuse being distanced in the pennant race, while Troy made a very poor show, as the record below proves.

THE RECORD FOR 1879.

	Providence.	Boston.	Chicago.	Buffalo.	Cincinnati.	Cleveland.	Troy City.	Syracuse.	Games Played.	Games Lost.	Games Won.
Providence.....	8	7	6	10	8	10	11	6	78	23	55
Boston.....	4	4	9	7	10	11	8	4	78	29	49
Chicago.....	8	4	6	6	8	8	8	6	76	32	44
Buffalo.....	3	6	3	7	3	8	9	3	74	36	38
Cincinnati.....	5	8	3	7	3	8	5	1	77	53	24
Cleveland.....	2	2	4	4	4	2	6	4	75	55	19
Troy City.....	1	3	1	1	2	5	5	2	72	27	15
Syracuse.....	0	0	3	3	3	5	2	...	—	—	—
Games Lost.....	23	29	32	32	36	53	56	27	288	288	

In 1880 eight clubs again entered the arena, Worcester taking the place of the disbanded Syracuse Stars, which club found their League adversaries altogether too strong for them. This

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year Chicago went to the front again, Cincinna'i falling off so badly in the race that at the finish they were found to be badly distanced, as the record below shows :

THE RECORD FOR 1880.

	Chicago.	Providence.	Cleveland.	Troy City.	Worcester.	Boston.	Cincinnati.	Games Played.	Games Lost.	Games Won.
Chicago	9	8	10	10	10	11	10	84	17	67
Providence.....	3	... 5	9	7	10	10	10	84	32	52
Cleveland.....	4	3	6	6	6	9	9	84	37	47
Troy City.....	5	3	3	5	5	3	10	83	42	41
Worcester.....	2	6	7	... 5	5	3	8	83	43	40
Boston.....	1	5	7	4	...	9	7	84	44	40
Buffalo	2	3	1	9	3	5	5	82	58	24
Cincinnati.....	2	3	3	5	5	5	80	59	21	
Games Lost.....	17	32	37	42	43	44	58	332	332	

In 1881 no change was made in the League ranks, and the same cities were represented in the pennant race of that year as in 1880. Once more the Chicago club bore off the season's honors, that club having learned the value of team-work as a potent factor in winning the League championship honors. This year Worcester, which club made so good a fight in 1880, fell off to last place, and Boston also occupied an inferior position in the year's campaign, their falling off during 1880 and 1881 being a feature of the year's events. Then, too, Cincinnati was forced to tender its resignation, and Detroit was given that club's place, and the new club made a very good showing in the campaign of '81, as will be seen by the appended record :

RECORD OF 1881.

	Chicago.	Providence.	Buffalo.	Detroit.	Troy City.	Boston.	Cleveland.	Worcester.	Games Played.	Games Lost.	Games Won.
Chicago.....	9	5	7	9	8	10	6	9	84	28	56
Providence.....	3	7	5	5	7	7	9	9	84	37	47
Buffalo	5	4	3	4	3	8	7	6	83	38	45
Detroit.....	5	6	9	5	5	5	6	7	84	43	41
Troy City.....	4	5	4	4	7	8	4	84	45	39	
Boston.....	2	5	5	5	5	3	3	8	83	45	38
Cleveland.....	6	3	5	5	4	5	7	84	48	36	
Worcester.....	3	3	5	5	8	3	5	82	50	32	
Games Lost.....	28	37	38	43	45	45	48	50	334	334	

In 1882 the same eight clubs again entered the lists, and for the third time in succession Chicago carried off the championship, with Providence a close second again as they were in '81 and '80. Worcester was again badly distanced, and as a penalty the club was retired at the close of the season. The Troy Club, too, did not show up well this year, and they, too, shared the fate of the Worcesters. The record at the close stood as follows:

RECORD OF 1882.

	Chicago.	Providence.	Buffalo.	Boston.	Cleveland.	Detroit.	Troy City.	Worcester.	Games Played.	Games Lost.	Games Won.
Chicago.....	8	6	6	6	9	8	9	9	84	29	55
Providence.....	4	6	6	6	6	10	10	10	84	32	32
Buffalo.....	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	84	39	39
Boston.....	6	6	7	5	7	4	4	7	84	39	45
Cleveland.....	3	4	6	5	7	4	4	11	82	42	42
Detroit.....	4	3	7	7	7	4	5	9	83	41	41
Troy City.....	3	3	6	5	2	4	3	9	83	48	35
Worcester.....	3	2	1	5	1	3	3	....	84	66	165
Games Lost.....	29	32	39	39	40	41	48	66	334	334	334

In 1883 New York and Philadelphia were elected as League cities in the place of Troy and Worcester, and this time the Boston Club, by a plucky rally toward the close of the season, managed to get in front of Chicago, the latter club being obliged to be content with second place. Neither New York or Philadelphia made much of a show in the campaign, both of them occupying rear positions, as will be seen by the appended record:

RECORD OF 1883.

	Boston.	Chicago.	Providence.	Cleveland.	Buffalo.	New York.	Detroit.	Philadelphia.	Games Played.	Games Lost.	Games Won.
Boston.....	7	7	8	10	7	7	10	14	98	35	63
Chicago.....	6	5	6	6	6	6	12	12	98	42	52
Providence.....	4	5	7	6	7	7	12	11	98	45	46
Cleveland.....	7	6	5	6	5	5	9	12	98	50	40
Buffalo.....	5	5	5	5	5	5	11	11	98	53	47
New York.....	2	8	2	9	2	3	3	....	98	45	55
Detroit.....	0	4	5	5	5	5	5	5	98	53	47
Philadelphia.....	7	7	7	7	7	7	8	8	98	53	47
Games Lost.....	35	39	40	42	45	50	58	81	300	390	390

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In 1884 the same eight clubs again entered the lists, and this time the Providence Club took the lead of both Boston and Chicago, and came in victors after the most brilliant campaign known in the history of the club, the team toward the close working together as a whole in model style. New York and Philadelphia improved upon their previous season's record, but failed to reach the position in the race they had expected. Cleveland fell off badly in the race, and finally resigned its membership early in the ensuing year. The record for 1884 is as follows:

RECORD OF 1884.

	Providence.	Boston.	Buffalo.	Chicago.	New York.	Philadelphia.	Cleveland.	Detroit.	Games Played.	Games Lost.	Games Won.
Providence.....	5 6 7	9	10	11	12	13	13	15	112	28	84
Boston.....	5 6 7	9	10	10	12	13	14	12	111	38	73
Buffalo.....	6	6	6	5	5	11	14	12	111	47	54
Chicago.....	5	6	6	5	5	12	14	8	112	50	62
New York.....	3	3	11	4	5	11	11	14	112	50	62
Philadelphia.....	3	3	5	2	5	10	11	11	112	73	39
Cleveland.....	3	2	2	8	2	6	7	9	112	77	35
Detroit.....	1	4	4	5	2	5	7	8	112	54	28
Games Lost	28	38	47	50	50	73	77	84	447	447	

In 1885 Cleveland retired from the League, and St. Louis was elected to fill the vacancy, and again eight clubs entered the lists. In the pennant race both New York and Philadelphia improved upon their work in 1884, the former team giving the Chicago team a very close push for the goal, Philadelphia coming in a good third. The full record of the season in the championship arena is as follows:

RECORD OF 1885.

	Chicago.	New York.	Philadelphia.	Providence.	Boston.	Detroit.	Buffalo.	St. Louis.	Total Played.	Gam s Lost.	Won.
Chicago	6	11	11	14	14	15	16	14	112	25	87
New York.....	10	11	12	13	12	15	12	9	112	27	85
Philadelphia.....	5	5	7	8	9	9	11	9	110	54	56
Providence.....	5	4	7	7	7	9	13	8	110	57	53
Boston.....	2	3	7	9	7	10	8	8	112	66	46
Detroit.....	1	4	7	6	9	5	7	9	108	67	41
Buffalo.....	0	1	5	6	11	12	12	12	112	74	38
St. Louis.....	2	4	6	8	4	4	4	108	72	36	
Lost..	25	27	54	57	66	67	74	72	442	442	

In 1886 Providence and Buffalo were retired from the League, Kansas City and Washington taking their places. In the pennant race, while Chicago again took the lead, Detroit pushed New York back to third place, and Philadelphia had to be content with fourth position. The record in full is appended:

CLUBS.											Lost,
	Chicago.	Detroit.	New York.	Philadelphia.	Boston.	St. Louis.	Kansas City.	Washington.	Played.	Won.	
Chicago.....	11	10	10	12	13	17	17	17	124	90	34
Detroit.....	...	11	10	11	15	16	17	123	87	36	
New York.....	7	7	8	11	15	15	11	119	75	44	
Philadelphia.....	7	7	...	10	12	14	13	114	71	43	
Boston.....	6	6	6	3	...	11	13	117	56	61	
St. Louis.....	4	2	3	6	6	...	10	122	43	79	
Kansas City.....	1	2	3	2	6	5	...	11	121	30	91
Washington.....	1	1	3	4	5	8	6	120	28	92	
Lost.....	34	36	44	43	61	79	91	92	480	480	

THE VETERANS OF THE LEAGUE.

Appended is President Young's record of the veterans of the League, giving the batting averages of players who have taken part in the championship contests of the League from 1876 to 1886 inclusive, as also those who played in such contests five seasons, and also within the period of the League's existence:

BATTING AVERAGES OF PLAYERS WHO HAVE TAKEN PART IN
LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP GAMES FOR FIVE OR MORE SEASONS,
1876 TO 1886, BOTH INCLUSIVE.

Rank.	NAME.	Number of Seasons Played.	Number of Games Played.	Times at Bat.	First Base.	Percentage.
1	Anson.....	11	917	3857	1350	.350
2	Brouthers.....	7	594	2486	868	.349
3	Connor.....	7	682	2843	960	.337
4	Gore.....	8	711	2935	927	.316
5	O'Rourke.....	11	923	3990	1258	.315
6	Kelly.....	9	811	3105	1074	.315
7	White.....	11	865	3609	1120	.310
8	Hines.....	11	929	4073	1252	.307
9	Richardson.....	8	733	3135	945	.301
10	Dalrymple.....	9	761	3415	1027	.300
11	Start.....	11	776	3366	995	.295
12	Dunlap.....	6	562	2358	688	.291
13	Rowe.....	7	599	2529	733	.290
14	Sutton.....	11	905	3759	1084	.288
15	Ewing.....	6	461	1945	558	.287
16	Foley.....	5	303	1296	368	.284
17	Shaffer.....	7	521	2137	602	.281
18	Gillespie.....	7	629	2600	720	.277
19	Dorgan.....	8	589	2421	668	.276
20	Clapp.....	7	398	1688	465	.275
21	Peters.....	6	384	1700	468	.275
22	Burns.....	7	651	2654	729	.274
23	Bennett.....	8	591	2272	624	.274
24	Glasscock.....	8	719	2881	787	.274
25	Wood.....	7	636	2717	743	.273
26	York.....	8	566	2291	617	.269
27	Ferguson.....	8	538	209	596	.269
	Whitney.....	6	431	1725	460	.266
	Morrill.....	11	936	3681	982	.266
	Hornung.....	8	654	2824	750	.265
	Crowley.....	6	456	1796	474	.264
	Phillips.....	6	529	223	581	.263
	Purcell.....	7	500	2136	559	.261
	Hotaling.....	6	514	2185	572	.261

AVERAGES—Continued.

Rank.	NAME.	Number of Seasons Played.			Percentage.	
		5	6	7		
28	Brown.....	5	352	1042	270	.259
	Hanlon.....	5	667	2670	693	.259
	Wise.....	9	484	1918	498	.259
	Williamson.....	9	812	3199	830	.259
29	Manning.....	6	485	2014	519	.257
	Farrell.....	6	643	2689	681	.253
30	{ Wright.....	5	307	1415	358	.253
	Cassidy.....	7	416	1718	434	.252
31	Burdock.....	11	7·6	3246	816	.251
32	Denny.....	6	576	2261	566	.250
33	Ward.....	7	795	3319	828	.249
34	Houck.....	5	363	1481	367	.247
35	Irwin.....	7	573	2270	555	.244
36	Radbourne.....	6	458	1828	445	.243
37	{ Flint.....	8	638	2491	601	.241
38	McGeary.....	5	271	1155	279	.241
	Remsen.....	5	240	965	233	.241
39	Welch.....	7	404	1494	359	.240
40	{ Evans.....	6	447	1737	413	.237
	Caskins.....	5	401	1585	377	.237
41	Harbridge.....	5	224	895	212	.236
42	McCormick.....	9	463	1819	429	.235
43	Bradley.....	6	336	1319	311	.225
44	Eggler.....	5	236	964	222	.220
45	{ Quest.....	6	372	1459	333	.228
	Bond.....	5	292	1150	263	.228
46	Goldsmith.....	5	201	799	180	.225
47	Gerhardt.....	7	565	2182	489	.224
	Brifordy.....	5	250	906	200	.220
48	{ Hankinson.....	6	442	1671	369	.220
	Snyder.....	5	306	1196	264	.220
49	Corcoran.....	6	308	1227	265	.216
50	Galvin.....	7	425	1630	349	.214
51	Creamer.....	5	308	1139	243	.213
52	{ Force.....	10	716	2873	598	.208
	Gilligan.....	8	483	1753	3·4	.208
53	Holbert.....	6	286	1066	231	.207
54	Bushong.....	5	302	10·3	207	.194
55	Weidman.....	6	317	1187	203	.171

SCHEDULE OF LEAGUE GAMES FOR 1887.

	At Boston.	At New York.	At Phil.	At Wash- ington.	At Chicago.	At Detroit.	At Pittsburg.	At Indian- apolis.
Boston.....	May 5	May 2	April 28	June 24	July 4	July 1	June 21	June 22
	" 6	" 3	" 29	" 25	" 5	" 2	" 23	" 23
	" 7	" 4	" 30	" 27	Ang. 5	Ang. 9	Aug. 1	Aug. 2
	July 23	June 1	June 6	" 28	" 6	" 10	" 11	" 3
	" 25	" 3	" 7	July 28	" 6	" 11	" 16	" 4
	" 26	" 4	" 8	" 29	" 8	" 11	Sept. 19	Sept. 23
	Sept. 26	Sept. 30	Oct. 5	" 30	Sept. 12	Sept. 15	Sept. 16	Sept. 17
	" 27	Oct. 1	" 6	Sept. 22	" 13	" 16	" 16	" 14
	" 28	" 3	" 8	" 23	" 14	" 17	" 21	" 21
	June 17	.....	April 30	May 2	July 4	June 25	June 21	June 30
New York.....	May 12	May 3	" 3	" 4	" 27	" 22	July 1	July 2
	" 13	" 13	" 4	" 5	" 28	" 23	Aug. 1	Aug. 9
	June 6	June 2	Aug. 5	July 28	Aug. 1	" 2	" 10	" 10
	" 7	" 3	" 6	" 29	" 29	" 2	" 11	" 11
	" 8	" 4	" 8	" 30	" 30	" 3	Sept. 12	Sept. 13
	Aug. 18	Sept. 30	Sept. 30	Sept. 15	Sept. 22	Sept. 19	Sept. 20	Sept. 21
	" 19	Oct. 1	" 16	" 16	" 23	" 13	" 14	" 14
	" 20	" 3	" 3	" 17	" 24	" 21	" 21	" 21
	Sept. 8	.....	May 5	June 21	June 30	May 30	June 25	June 27
	Sept. 9	.....	" 6	" 22	July 1	" 30	July 28	July 28
Philadelphia.....	May 9	April 28	.....	July 7	" 23	" 31	Aug. 1	Aug. 5
	" 10	" 29	.....	July 23	Aug. 9	" 28	July 28	July 28
	" 11	May 14	.....	" 25	" 10	" 29	" 6	" 6
	June 9	June 13	.....	" 26	" 11	" 30	" 8	" 8
	" 10	" 14	.....	Sept. 8	Sept. 13	Sept. 22	Sept. 15	Sept. 16
	" 11	" 15	.....	" 9	" 13	" 23	" 24	" 24
	Sept. 5	Oct. 5	.....	" 10	" 14	" 21	" 17	" 17
	" 6	" 6	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	" 7	" 8	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	May 12	May 9	June 16	.....	June 30	June 21	June 25	July 4
Washington.....	" 13	" 10	" 17	.....	July 1	" 22	" 27	July 4
	" 14	" 11	" 18	.....	" 2	" 23	" 28	" 5
	June 13	June 9	Aug. 13	.....	Aug. 1	Aug. 9	Aug. 5	Aug. 28
	" 14	" 10	" 15	.....	" 2	" 10	" 6	" 29
	" 15	" 11	" 16	.....	" 3	" 11	" 8	" 30
	Sept. 5	Sept. 5	Sept. 23	Sept. 19	Sept. 15	Sept. 16	Sept. 22
	" 6	" 6	" 7	" 20	" 16	" 13	" 4
	Aug. 18	Sept. 5	Sept. 23
	" 19	" 6	" 27
	" 20	" 7	" 28

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	May 25	May 30	May 20	May 16	June 2	April 28	May 2
Chicago	" 26	" 30	" 21	" 17	" 29	" 29	" 3
	" 27	" 31	" 23	" 18	" 4	" 30	" 4
	" 28	July 15	" 24	July 11	July 23	Aug. 18	June 6
	" 19	" 16	" 7	" 12	" 25	" 19	" 7
	" 20	" 18	" 8	" 13	" 26	" 20	" 8
	" 21	Aug. 25	" 9	Aug. 20	Sept. 5	Oct. 5	Sept. 30
Detroit.....	" 22	" 26	Sept. 1	" 30	" 6	" 6	Oct. 1
	" 23	" 27	" 3	" 31	" 7	" 8	" 3
	" 30	May 26	May 16	May 20	May 12	May 2	April 28
	" 31	" 27	" 17	" 21	" 13	" 3	" 29
	July 11	July 7	July 15	July 19	June 16	June 13	Aug. 18
	" 12	" 8	" 16	" 20	" 17	" 14	" 19
Pittsburg.....	" 13	" 9	" 18	" 21	" 18	" 15	" 20
	Aug. 29	Sept. 1	Aug. 25	Aug. 22	Aug. 13	Sept. 30	Oct. 5
	" 30	" 2	" 26	" 23	" 15	Oct. 1	" 6
	" 31	" 3	" 27	" 24	" 16	" 3	" 8
	May 16	May 20	July 4	May 26	May 5	May 9	June 2
	" 17	" 21	" 4	" 27	" 6	" 10	" 3
Indianaopolis.....	" 18	" 23	" 5	" 28	" 7	" 11	" 4
	" 7	July 11	" 6	July 15	June 9	June 6	" 16
	" 8	" 12	" 19	" 16	" 10	" 7	" 17
	" 9	" 13	" 20	" 18	" 11	" 8	" 18
	Aug. 25	Aug. 22	Aug. 29	Sept. 1	Sept. 26	Sept. 8	Aug. 13
	" 26	" 23	" 30	" 3	" 27	" 9	" 15
Tenn.....	" 27	" 24	" 31	" 3	" 28	" 10	" 16
	May 20	May 16	May 26	May 30	May 9	May 5	May 12
	" 21	" 17	" 27	" 30	" 10	" 6	" 13
	" 22	" 18	" 28	" 31	" 11	" 7	" 14
	July 15	July 19	July 11	July 7	June 13	June 9	July 23
	" 16	" 20	" 12	" 8	" 14	" 10	" 25
Tenn.....	" 18	" 21	" 13	" 9	" 15	" 11	" 26
	Sept. 1	Aug. 29	Aug. 22	Aug. 25	Sept. 8	Sept. 26	Sept. 5
	" 29	" 30	" 23	" 26	" 9	" 27	" 6
	" 30	" 3	" 24	" 27	" 10	" 28	
	" 31	" 3					

18th Aug.

18th Sept.

18th Oct.

18th Nov.

18th Dec.

18th Jan.

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Spalding's League Ball is now recognized as the STANDARD in every part of the world where base ball is played. It was first introduced in 1876, and made under specifications designed by A. G. Spalding, whose long connection with the game had given him a knowledge of the requirements of a first-class ball not possessed by any other manufacturer. Every pains was taken with its manufacture, and it soon became very popular among professional players on account of its uniformity, elasticity and durability, which resulted in its being adopted as the official ball of the National League in 1878, and has been readopted every year since by the leading associations, including 1887.

The large sale and great demand for this ball has brought out many imitators, who would pirate on our trade and reputation by offering an inferior article at a lower price, and endeavor to create the impression that these inferior low grade balls are the same, or are equal to Spalding's Official League. We would caution ball players against infringements, and urge them not to be misled by the misrepresentations of dealers whose increased profits on the cheap goods may have something to do with their statements.

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The following base ball leagues and associations have adopted the Spalding League Ball as the official ball of their associations for 1887, and by their regulations, all championship games played during the season, this ball MUST be used:

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Composed of Boston, Haverhill, Manchester, Lawrence, Portland and Lowell.

THE INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE.

Composed of Utica, Rochester, Syracuse, Binghamton, Oswego, Buffalo, Hamilton and Toronto, Ont., Jersey City and Newark.

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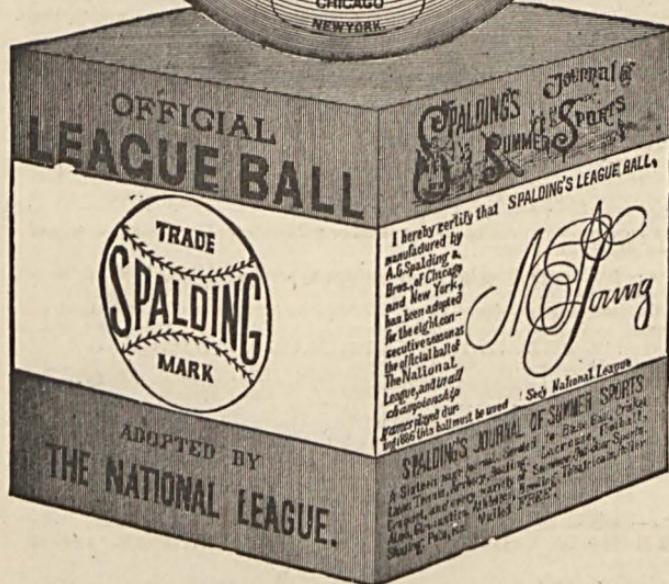
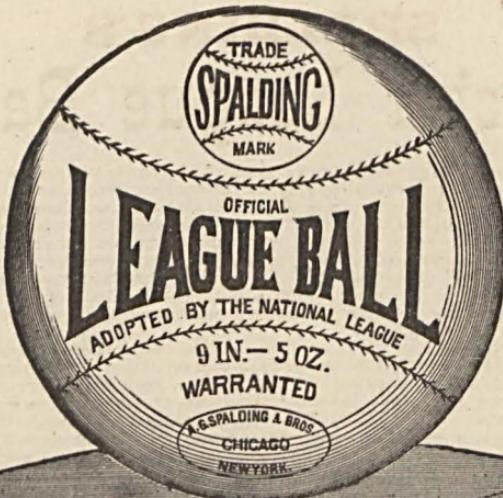
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THE NEW YORK INTER STATE COLLEGE ASS'N.

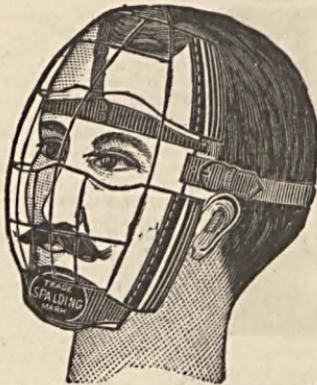
We refer with considerable pride to the following Resolution unanimously adopted at the recent annual meeting of the American College Association, held at Springfield, Mass., March 12, 1886

"Resolved, that the American College Association in unanimously adopting Spalding's League Ball for 1886, express their great satisfaction which this ball gave the Association last year, and also cheerfully indorse it as the best ball they have ever used."



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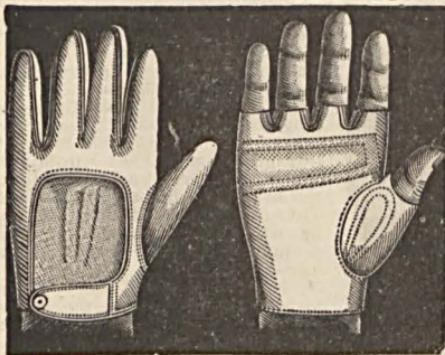
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No F—“ “ “	“ 25

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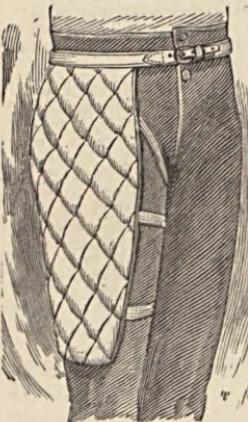
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No. 00.—Spalding's Special Black Band League Bat, made out of the choicest white selected, second growth ash, on the most approved models, as recommended and used by League players. Each bat is carefully weighed, and the weight stamped in ounces under the <i>Trade Mark</i> . Each Bat is encased in a strong paper bag, lathe polished, and guaranteed to be the finest bat made. Having purchased the patent of Wm. Gray, of Hartford, Conn., covering the use of a granulated handle, and believing it to have great merit in preventing the hand from slipping, we have decided to use it on this grade of bats.....	\$ 75	\$ 7 50
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